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Summary of Five-Year Review Findings

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Determinations

I have determined that the selected remedy for the GCVS site is protective of human health and the environment and will remain so provided that the caps are maintained, ground water monitoring data are evaluated on a routine basis, and the deed notice is enforced.

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ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

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μg/L Micrograms per liter

ARAR Applicable or relevant and appropriate requirement

ARCADIS Geraghty & Miller, Inc.

bgs Below ground surface

CERCLA Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act

CFR Code of Federal Regulations

EPA U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 6

GCVS Gulf Coast Vacuum Services HDPE High density polyethylene

HI Hazard Index

LDEQ Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality

LNAPL Light nonaqueous phase liquid

LTU Land treatment unit

MCL Maximum contaminant level mg/kg Milligrams per kilogram mg/L Milligrams per liter

NCP National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan

NGVD National geodetic vertical datum

NPL National Priorities List
O&M Operation and maintenance

OU Operable unit

PAH Polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbon

PCB Polychlorinated biphenyl
PRP Potentially responsible party

RA Remedial action

RAO Remedial action objectives RI Remedial investigation

RI/FS Remedial investigation and feasibility study

RME Reasonable maximum exposure

ROD Record of Decision

TCLP Toxicity Characteristic Leaching Procedure

Tetra Tech Tetra Tech EM Inc.

ThermoRetec Consulting Corporation

TPH Total petroleum hydrocarbon UAO Unilateral Administrative Order

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 6 (EPA) conducted a second five-year review of the remedial action (RA) implemented at the Gulf Coast Vacuum Services (GCVS) Superfund site in Abbeville, Louisiana. The purpose of this five-year review was to determine whether the selected remedy for the site continues to protect human health and the environment. This review was conducted from January through July 2003, and its findings and conclusions are documented in this report. The second five-year period extended from 1998 through 2003. Several documents were reviewed, including those that contain the following data: (1) ground water analytical data from 1998 through 2003; (2) statistical analysis results from data collected from 1998 through 2003; and, (3) confirmation and performance standard sampling results.

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Author Name: Katrina	a Coltrain		
Author Title: Remedia	al Project Manager	A	Author Affiliation: EPA Region 6
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Five-Year Review Summary Form (Continued)

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Protectiveness Statement:

The RA is currently protective of human health and the environment.

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Based on the information available during the second five-year review, the selected remedy for the GCVS site is currently protective of human health and the environment. For the remedy to remain protective in the long-term, caps need to be maintained, ground water monitoring data need to be evaluated on a routine basis, and the deed notice needs to be enforced.

1.0 INTRODUCTION

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 6 (EPA), with assistance from Tetra Tech EM Inc. (Tetra Tech) and in coordination with the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ), conducted a second five-year review of the remedial action (RA) implemented at the Gulf Coast Vacuum Services (GCVS) Superfund site in Abbeville, Louisiana. The purpose of a five-year review is to determine whether the remedy at a site is protective of human health and the environment.

The EPA must implement five-year reviews in accordance with the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) and the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan (NCP) if hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants remain onsite above levels that allow for unlimited use and unrestricted exposure. CERCLA Section § 121(c), 42 U.S.C. § 9621(c), as amended, states the following:

"If the President selects a remedial action that results in any hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants remaining at the site, the President shall review such remedial action no less often than each 5 years after the initiation of such remedial action to assure that human health and the environment are being protected by the remedial action being implemented."

NCP §300.430(f)(4)(ii), 40 C.F.R. § 300.430(f)(4)(ii), states the following:

"If a remedial action is selected that results in hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants remaining at the site above levels that allow for unlimited use and unrestricted exposure, the lead agency shall review such action no less often than every five years after the initiation of the selected remedial action."

Because hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants remain at the GCVS site above levels that allow for unlimited use and unrestricted exposure, a five-year review is required.

The GCVS site has two operable units (OU): Interim Source Action (OU-2) and Final Source Action (OU-1). The second five-year review addressed the entire site. The period addressed by the second five-year review for GCVS extended from 1998 to 2003. The triggering action for this review was the previous five-year review that was completed in September 1998. The second five-year review was conducted from January through July 2003, and its methods, findings, conclusions, and recommendations are documented in this report.

This report documents the second five-year review for the GCVS site by providing the following information: the site chronology (Section 2.0), background information (Section 3.0), the EPA RA (Section 4.0), the five-year review process (Section 5.0) and findings (Section 6.0), the technical assessment of the site (Section 7.0), issues identified (Section 8.0), and recommendations and follow-up activities (Section 9.0). The report also provides a protectiveness statement (Section 10.0) and discusses the next review (Section 11.0). Appendices A and B list documents reviewed and present a site visit report, respectively.

2.0 SITE CHRONOLOGY

Table 1 presents a chronology of events for the GCVS site. Additional historical information for the site is available on line at: http://www.epa.gov/earth1r6/6sf/pdffiles/gulf-cst.pdf (EPA 2002).

3.0 BACKGROUND

This section discusses the site's physical characteristics, land and resource use near the site, the history of site contamination, the initial response to the site, and the basis for the response.

3.1 PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

The GCVS site is located approximately three miles southwest of Abbeville, Vermilion Parish, Louisiana, on Parish Road P-7-31, also called Junuis Road. The site covers approximately 12.8 acres and is bounded to the north and west by pastureland and to the east and south by the D.L. Mud Superfund site (see Figure 1) (EPA 2000). Approximately 2,600 people live within 3 miles of the site, and approximately 10 residences are located less than 0.5 mile from the site boundary.

The site is located in the low-lying flatland of the Atlantic Gulf Coastal Plain. The surface elevation at the site varies from 14 feet above mean sea level at the southeastern boundary and 8 feet above mean sea level at the northwestern boundary. LeBoeuf Canal, which runs along the eastern and southern boundaries of the site, drains the southern portion of the site. The LeBoeuf Canal used to flow to the Vermilion River, which is located approximately 1.5 miles east of the site, but the canal is currently bermed and does not drain to the river. The LeBoeuf Canal only contains water after a rainstorm. Local ditches that flow into the Coulee Galleque drain the northern portion of the site. The Coulee Galleque drain eventually flows into the Abbeville Canal and to the Vermilion River (EPA 1992d).

TABLE 1

CHRONOLOGY OF SITE EVENTS

Date	Event
June 27, 1980	Site discovery
July 1980	Preliminary assessment
September 1980	Preliminary sampling inspection
July 1985	Detailed sampling inspection
1987	Expanded site inspection
1988	Hazard Ranking System scoring
June 1988	Proposed for inclusion on NPL
1988 and 1989	NPL responsible party search
March 31, 1989	Final NPL listing
March through May 1990	First emergency removal action
March 1991	Second emergency removal action
April 1992	Third emergency removal action
1990 to 1992	RI/FS performed
September 30, 1992	RODs issued for OU-1 and OU-2
December 11, 1992	Unilateral administrative order issued for OU-2
January 1994	OU-2 RA completed
May 5, 1995	ROD amendment issued for OU-1
June 5, 1995	Consent decree for OU-1
April 1997	Remedial action work plan/final design report for OU-1
September 1998	First five-year review of OU-1 and OU-2 remedial actions
June 1999	RA report for OU-1
September 1999	Preliminary close out report
March 2000	Final closeout report
July 2001	NPL delisting
July 2002	Completion of long-term monitoring plan
July 2003	First Semiannual 2002 Ground Water Monitoring Report
July 2003	Second Semiannual 2002 Ground Water Monitoring Report
August 2003	Final Ground Water Statistics Report

Notes:

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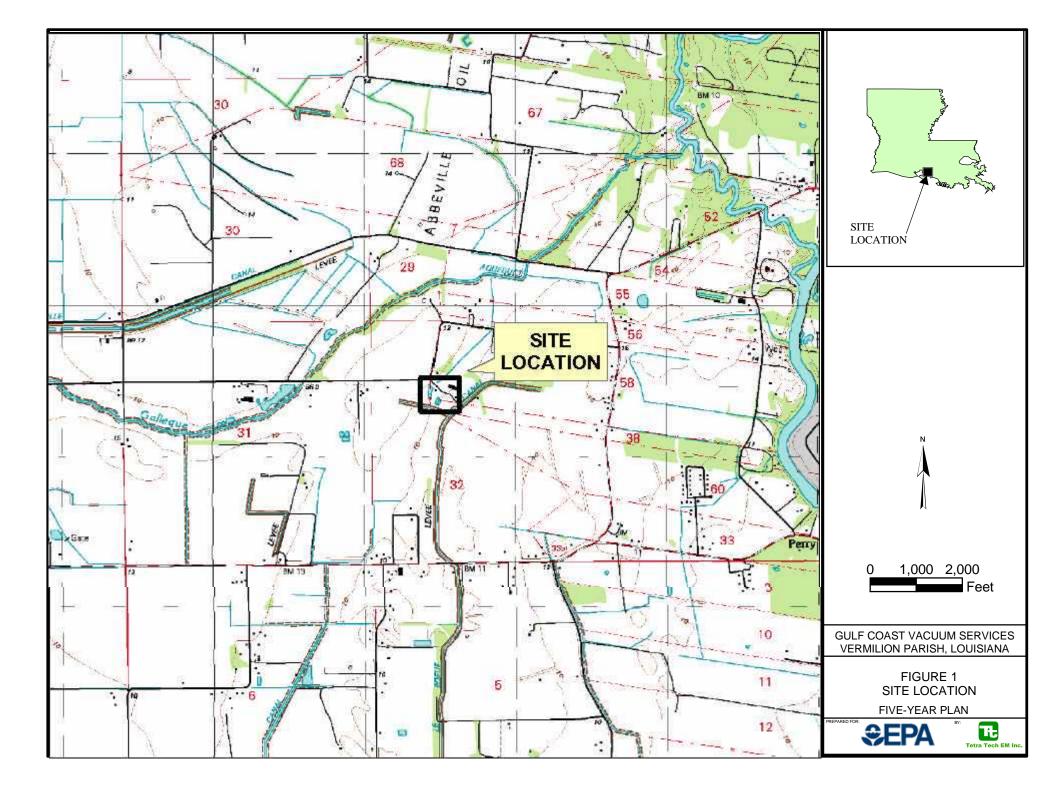
National Priorities List Operable unit NPL

OU

RI/FS Remedial investigation and feasibility study

Remedial action RAROD Record of Decision

Source: ARCADIS 2003c, EPA 1992c, 1992d, 2002; TermoRetec Consulting Corporation 1999



The following five geologic units have been identified beneath the GCVS site from the surface downward:

- 1. Upper Clay Unit
- 2. Silty Clay I Unit
- 3. Alluvium Unit
- 4. Silty Clay II Unit
- 5. Upper Chicot Aquifer Unit

The Upper Clay Unit consists of clays with low permeability that overlay the entire site to a depth of up to 20 feet below ground surface (bgs) in areas. The Silty Clay I Unit consists of silty to sandy clay with intervals of more permeable sandy silt and silty sand. The Silty I Unit ranges in thickness from approximately 20 feet thick in the northern and western portions of the site to 5 feet or less in the eastern portions of the site. The Alluvium Unit consists of a sequence of alternating layers and lenses of fine-grained sands and silts that were also deposited by the ancient meander of the Vermilion River. The Silty Clay II Unit consists of low permeability clays and silty clays that were deposited around the periphery of an ancient meander of the Vermilion River. The Silty Clay II Unit is considerably thicker beneath the northern and western areas of the site. The Upper Chicot Aquifer Unit consists of fine- to medium-grained sands that become cleaner with depth. The top of the Upper Chicot Aquifer Unit is encountered at shallower depths beneath the eastern portion of the site (ARCADIS Geraghty & Miller [ARCADIS] 2003b).

According to the most recent ground water monitoring report, ground water in the Silty Clay I/Alluvium Unit flows from two highest water elevations at the northern and southwestern portions of the site to the center of the site. Ground water then flows northwesterly off-site, with the exception of ground water from the eastern portion of southwestern corner of the site, which appears to flow easterly (ARCADIS 2003c). Ground water in the Upper Chicot Aquifer flows to the northwest (EPA 1992c).

3.2 LAND AND RESOURCE USE

The primary land uses near the site are agricultural and residential. No significant future change in land use near the site has been projected. Agricultural land is predominantly used as pasture land for grazing cattle and for rice, sugarcane, and soybean crop production. Ten residences are located within 0.5 mile of the site on Parish Road P-7-31 and Route 335, with the nearest resident on the southeast site boundary. These residents are outside the corporate limits of Abbeville and use ground water for drinking water and irrigation (EPA 2000). Residential well depths typically range from 80 to 230 feet bgs, which is in the Upper Chicot Aquifer (EPA 1992d).

Surface water near the GCVS site consists of two primary channels that collect runoff from the site: the LeBoeuf Canal and the Coulee Galleque. The LeBoeuf Canal is bermed and contains water only after rain events. The Coulee Galleque eventually flows to the Vermilion River and supports aquatic life including aquatic invertebrates and fish. The Vermilion River is used for recreational purposes including swimming, fishing, and water skiing. Many homes are located on the riverbanks (EPA 1992a; EPA 1992d).

3.3 HISTORY OF CONTAMINATION

The GCVS site was a vacuum truck and oilfield drilling mud plant operation from approximately 1969 to 1984. Lafayette Highway Equipment Sales and Services, Inc., owned and operated a 25.562-acre parcel that included the GCVS site and surrounding property from September 1969 to May 1975. Gulf Coast Pre-Mix Mud Services, Inc., owned and operated the parcel until January 1979 when it merged with Gulf Coast Pre-Mix Trucking, Inc., and was renamed as G.H. Drilling Fluid, Inc. In August 1979, the facility was renamed again to G.H. Fluid Services. G.H. Fluid Services owned and operated the site until October 1980 when it conveyed 12.78 acres to GCVS. The remaining portion of the parcel is now known as the D.L. Mud site. GCVS owned and operated the site until 1984 when it declared bankruptcy. GCVS and its predecessors used the property as a trucking terminal and disposal facility for materials and wastes generated from oil and gas exploration and production. Vacuum trucks were rinsed out in several on-site pits including the West Pit and Washout Pit, which are shown on Figure 2. Various tanks held raw and waste material. Unpermitted disposal of contaminated material and waste also occurred on the site surface soils (EPA 1992d).

A citizen's complaint through the Vermilion Association for Protection of the Environment led to site identification by EPA on June 27, 1980 (EPA 1992d). As a result, EPA conducted various preliminary assessments and sampling activities as shown in Table 1. Preliminary sampling results revealed the presence of compounds characteristic of crude oil, salt water, and drilling mud oil in the water and soil on the GCVS site. In addition, a layer of oil emulsion, averaging 1 inch in thickness, was observed in the West Pit (Roy F. Weston, Inc. 1985).

The main contaminants at the site that posed an imminent and substantial endangerment to human health or the environment were organic compounds such as benzene and carcinogenic polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons (PAH) and metals such as arsenic and barium. Table 2 lists the contaminants that were detected during the remedial investigation/feasibility study (RI/FS) in various site media above human health-based standards (EPA 2000).

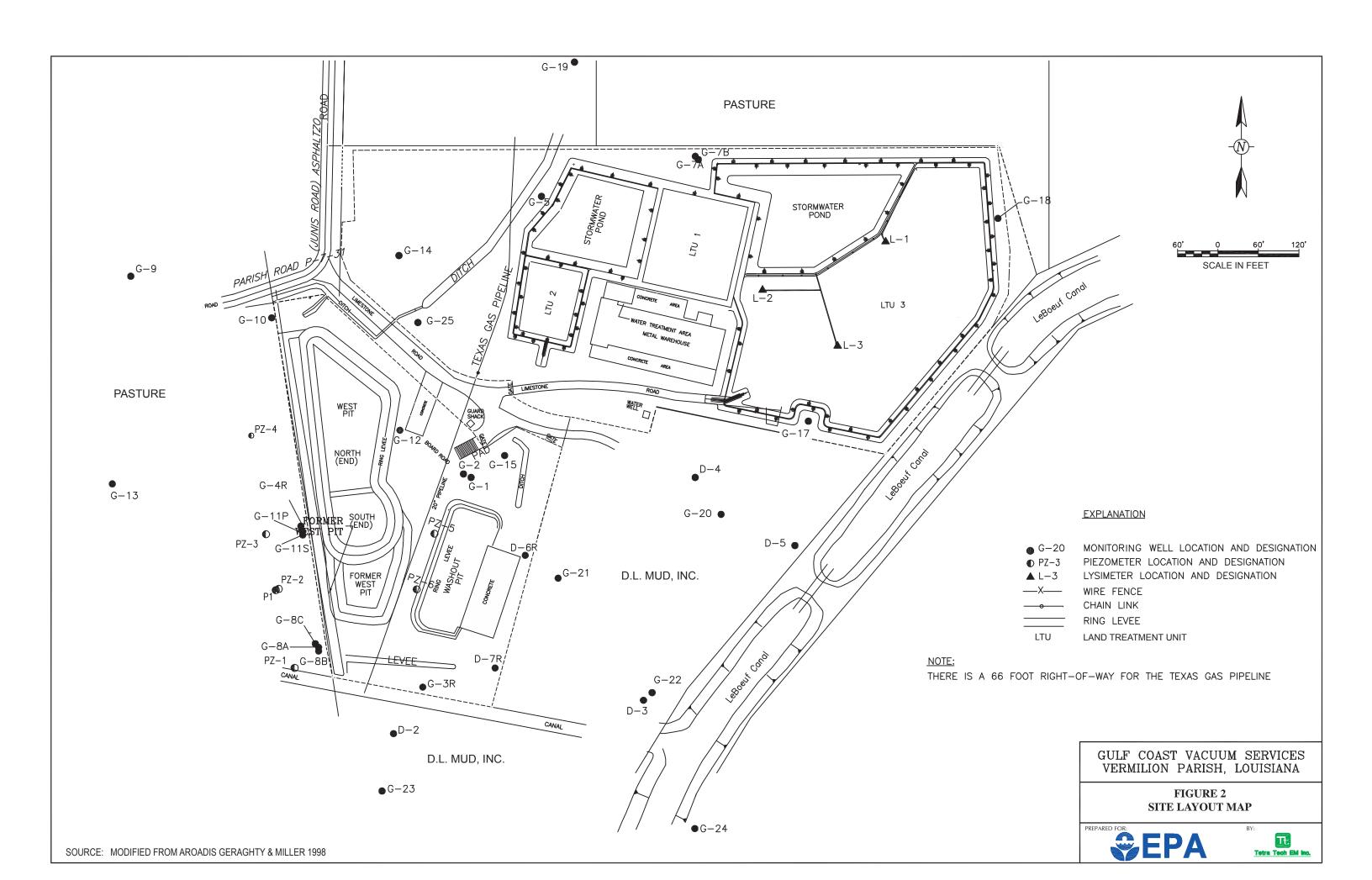
TABLE 2 CONTAMINANTS OF CONCERN

Media	Contaminant	Concentration Range
Surface Soils	Arsenic	2.3 to 56.7 mg/kg
	Barium	480 to 21,400 mg/kg
Sludges	Carcinogenic PAHs	0.09 to 7.5 mg/kg
	Benzene	7 to 529 mg/kg
Ground water	Barium	ND to 5,550 μg/L
	Cadmium	ND to 210 μg/L
	Chromium	ND to 2,580 μg/L
	Mercury	ND to 4.6 µg/L

Notes:

μg/L mg/kg ND Micrograms per liter Milligrams per kilogram Non-detect

Polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbon PAH



3.4 INITIAL RESPONSE

Based on results from preliminary assessments and sampling, EPA included GCVS on the National Priorities List (NPL) in March 1989 and started remedial investigation (RI) activities in 1990 that lasted until 1992. During the RI, EPA conducted three removal actions at the GCVS site. The EPA Emergency Response Branch conducted the first removal action because EPA observed leakage of oily rainwater from the West Pit and the Washout Pit during a site survey conducted in March 1990. In addition, the fence surrounding the pits was damaged allowing unrestricted access. On March 20, 1990, EPA began cleanup activities to prevent the off-site migration of contaminated liquid. During the removal, a secondary containment levee was constructed along the west side of the West Pit. Water from the Washout Pit was pumped out and the wastewater was treated through a sand filter and activated carbon filter. Treated wastewater was discharged to on-site ditches in accordance with limits established by the LDEQ. In addition, fences were repaired and constructed along the west side of the West Pit (EPA 1990).

The EPA conducted a second removal action from February 15 through March 1, 1991 in response to observations made by EPA during a site visit in December 19, 1990 (EPA 1991b). During the site visit, the following conditions were observed: (1) rainwater that had accumulated in the West Pit was overflowing; (2) rainwater in the secondary containment levee that was constructed during the first removal action was close to overflowing; and, (3) the fence surrounding the pit area needed repair (EPA 1991a). On February 4, 1991, EPA collected samples of surface water (rainwater) from the overflowing pits, and on February 15, 1991, EPA mobilized to the site. The surface water was contaminated with metals, volatile organic compounds, and various hydrocarbons. The removal action involved pumping, treating, and discharging wastewaters from the West Pit and the Washout Pit. Treatment consisted of sand and activated carbon filtration, similar to the first removal action. Treated water was discharged onsite in accordance with state-recommended discharge criteria. A new fence was constructed around the Washout Pit and the West Pit to further restrict site access and to replace the previous barbed-wire fence (EPA 1991b, 1992d).

The EPA conducted the third removal action from April 6 through April 15, 1992 (EPA 1992b) in response to observations made by EPA during a site visit in March 1992. During the site visit, the following conditions were observed: (1) a number of holes were observed in the fence surrounding the pit area, thus allowing unrestricted access; (2) rainwater in the West Pit was overflowing; (3) rainwater in the Washout Pit was in danger of overflowing; (4) oily rainwater was leaking from the Washout Pit; and, (5) a floating layer of contaminated organic material was present in the pits (EPA 1992a). On April 6, 1992, EPA mobilized to the site. Water from the pits was treated by a sand and activated carbon filtration system and discharged on site in accordance with state-recommended discharge criteria (EPA 1992b).

3.5 BASIS FOR RESPONSE

Based on the data collected during the RI, it was determined that if the remedies selected in the Records of Decision (ROD) were not implemented, hazardous substances could be released from the GCVS site and endanger public health, welfare, or the environment. The most significant threats included: (1) the risk of carcinogenic effects for a current trespasser exposed to the pit sludges with carcinogenic PAHs and arsenic; (2) the risk of carcinogenic and non-carcinogenic effects for an off-site resident exposed to arsenic in ground water; and, (3) the risk of carcinogenic and non-carcinogenic effects for a future on-site resident exposed to soils with carcinogenic PAHs and various metals (EPA 1992c, 1992d).

4.0 REMEDIAL ACTION

This section discusses the selected remedy, remedy implementation, operation and maintenance (O&M), O&M costs, and progress made at the site since the last five-year review.

4.1 SELECTED REMEDY

The EPA, in consultation with LDEQ, signed two RODs on September 30, 1992. The ROD for OU-2, the interim source control, addressed the short-term, immediate exposure risks associated with rainwater overflow from the pits. The ROD for OU-1, the final source action, addressed long-term environmental and human health risks associated with contaminated soil, sludge, and ground water. The ROD for OU-1 was amended on May 2, 1995, to change the technology for treating organic-contaminated material. Details of the remedial action objectives (RAO) and the selected remedies for each OU are discussed in the following paragraphs. OU-2 is discussed before OU-1 because OU-2 is an interim action that took place before OU-1.

The RAOs established in the ROD for OU-2, the interim source control action, are as follows (EPA 1992d):

- Prevent oral and dermal human exposures and environmental exposure to accumulated pit rainwater;
- Prevent contamination of adjacent soils due to overflow of the Washout and West Pits; and,

• Prevent migration of contaminated rainwater to the ground water.

The remedy selected in the ROD for OU-2 includes the following (EPA 1992d):

- Pumping and on-site treatment and discharge of the accumulated contaminated rainwater in the Washout Pit and West Pit;
- Excavating the sludge and soil from the Washout Pit and consolidating the sludge and soil into the West Pit;
- Placing an impermeable synthetic membrane over the consolidated material in the West Pit; and,
- Backfilling the Washout Pit with clean soil.

Table 3 shows the cleanup goals for pit sludge and associated soil. In addition to these cleanup goals, the OU-2 ROD specified that maximum concentrations of previously unidentified compounds in pit sludge and associated soil must correspond to a risk of 10^{-6} (or less assuming it is consistent with a reasonable maximum exposure [RME]) for carcinogenic compounds and a hazard index (HI) less than or equal to 1 for noncarcinogenic compounds (EPA 1992d).

The RAOs established in the ROD for OU-1, the final source action, are as follows (EPA 1992c):

- Minimize potential human exposures by way of ingestion, inhalation, or direct contact
 with contaminants found in the contaminated pit sludge and associated soil, tank
 contents, buried pits, and site soil and sediment;
- Reduce the potential for the soil and sludge to act as a continued source of ground water contamination; and,
- Prevent human exposure to contaminated ground water.

The remedy selected in the ROD for OU-1 consisted of the following components (EPA 1992c):

- On-site incineration followed by on-site stabilization of (if necessary), disposal of, and construction of a clay cover, over the ash of the organic and inorganic-contaminated pit sludge and associated soil and tank contents;
- On-site stabilization of, disposal of, and construction of a clay cover over inorganic-contaminated site soil and sediment; and,
- Institutional controls and long-term ground water monitoring.

TABLE 3
CLEANUP GOALS FOR SLUDGE AND ASSOCIATED SOILS
FOR OU-2

Contaminant of Concern	Cleanup Goal (mg/kg)	Basis
Arsenic	16	Upper background limit
Barium	5,400	Non-carcinogenic exposure limit (HI = 1)
Benzene	0.66	Carcinogenic exposure limit (risk = 10 ⁻⁶)
Total Carcinogenic PAHs ^a	3	Region 6
Total Non-Carcinogenic PAHs	HI = 1	Region 6

Notes:

The cleanup goal for carcinogenic PAHs is based on the benzo(a)pyrene equivalent. Benzo(a)pyrene equivalent is calculated by the following equation: 0.1 (Benzo(a)anthracene) + 0.01 (chrysene) + 0.1 (Benzo(b)fluoranthene) + 0.01 (Benzo(k)fluoranthene) + (Benzo(a)pyrene) + 0.1 (Indeno(1,2,3-cd)Pyrene + (Benzo(a,h)anthracene) where (compound) is the concentration of that compound.

HI Hazard Index

mg/kg Milligram per kilogram

PAH Polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbon

Source: EPA 1992d and 1995

Table 4 shows cleanup goals and performance standards for pit sludge and associated soil, aboveground tank contents, and site soil and sediment. Performance standards are the concentrations that indicate whether treated material meets the RAOs. In addition to the cleanup goals in Table 4, the maximum concentrations of previously unidentified compounds or tentatively identified compounds must correspond to a cumulative risk less than 10⁻⁴ (assuming it is consistent with the RMEs) for carcinogenic compounds and a HI less than 1 for noncarcinogenic compounds (EPA 1995). The ROD and ROD amendment for OU-1 also identify contingency cleanup goals for ground water, which only apply if a contingency remedy for ground water is implemented (EPA 1992c, EPA 1995). A contingency RA has not been implemented because ground water monitoring data do not show an increasing trend and an imminent risk of potential human ingestion has not occurred. Therefore, ground water cleanup goals do not apply at this time.

The 1992 ROD also specifies that for ground water, if concentrations significantly rise or a risk of imminent exposure surfaces, contingency measures will be implemented. Thirty years may be required before decreasing contaminant levels are observed (EPA 1992c).

On May 5, 1995, the ROD for OU-1 was amended to include the following (EPA 1995):

- On-site biological treatment of organic-contaminated pit sludges (surface and buried) and associated soil and tank contents:
- Contingency incineration of biological treatment residuals that do not meet treatment standards; incineration was not implemented (ThermoRetec Consulting Corporation [ThermoRetec] 1999);
- Stabilization and on-site disposal of the successfully treated residuals from the biotreatment as required to meet performance standards for inorganic compounds and capping with a 2-foot compacted clay cover;
- On-site stabilization and disposal of the site soils contaminated with metals in the east and west site fields and in the northeast area and capping with a 2-foot compacted clay cover;
- Institutional controls (deed notices); and,
- Long-term monitoring of ground water, to make certain that through the process of natural attenuation the contamination is lessened and that no human contact with the contaminated ground water occurs.

TABLE 4

CLEANUP GOALS AND PERFORMANCE STANDARDS FOR PIT SLUDGE AND ASSOCIATED SOIL, ABOVEGROUND TANK CONTENTS, AND SITE SOIL AND SEDIMENT AT OU-1

PREVIOUSLY IDENTIFIED COMPOUNDS OF CONCERN	CLEANUP GOAL	PERFORMANCE STANDARD
ORGANIC COMPOUNDS		
Volatiles		
Benzene	0.66 mg/kg	0.66 mg/kg
Carcinogenic PAHs		
Benzo(a)pyrene equivalent ^a	3.0 mg/kg	3.0 mg/kg
Noncarcinogenic PAHs		
Naphthalene	1,100 mg/kg	1,100 mg/kg
2-Methylnaphthalene	8,000 mg/kg	8,000 mg/kg
Acenaphthylene	16,500 mg/kg	16,500 mg/kg
Acenaphthene	8,000 mg/kg	8,000 mg/kg
Dibenzofuran	8,000 mg/kg	8,000 mg/kg
Fluorene	11,000 mg/kg	11,000 mg/kg
Phenanthrene	8,000 mg/kg	8,000 mg/kg
Anthracene	82,000 mg/kg	82,000 mg/kg
Fluoranthene	11,000 mg/kg	11,000 mg/kg
Pyrene	8,000 mg/kg	8,000 mg/kg
Benzo(g,h,i)perylene	8,000 mg/kg	8,000 mg/kg
PCB	1 mg/kg	1 mg/kg
PCB (covered with at least 12 inches of soil)	10 mg/kg	10 mg/kg
INORGANIC COMPOUNDS		
Arsenic	16 mg/kg	NA
Barium	5,400 mg/kg	NA
TCLP		
Arsenic	NA	5 mg/L
Barium	NA	100 mg/L
Cadmium	NA	1 mg/L
Chromium	NA	5 mg/L
Lead	NA	5 mg/L
Mercury	NA	0.2 mg/L
Selenium	NA	1 mg/L
Silver	NA	5 mg/L
MCL (modified TCLP)		
Arsenic	NA	0.05 mg/L
Barium	NA	2 mg/L
Cadmium	NA	0.005 mg/L
Chromium	NA	0.1 mg/L
Lead ^b	NA	0.015 mg/L
Mercury	NA	0.002 mg/L
Selenium	NA	0.05 mg/L
Silver ^c	NA	0.1 mg/L

TABLE 4 (Continued)

CLEANUP GOALS AND PERFORMANCE STANDARDS FOR PIT SLUDGE AND ASSOCIATED SOIL, ABOVEGROUND TANK CONTENTS, AND SITE SOIL AND SEDIMENT AT OU-1

Notes:	
a	$Benzo(a) pyrene\ equivalent\ calculated\ by\ the\ following\ equation:\ 0.1\ (Benzo(a)anthracene) + 0.01\ (chrysene) + 0.1\ (Benzo(b)fluoranthene) + 0.01\ (Benzo(k)fluoranthene) + (Benzo(a)pyrene) + 0.1\ (Indeno(1,2,3-cd)Pyrene) + (Benzo(a,h)anthracene)\ where\ (compound)\ is\ the\ concentration\ of\ that\ compound.$
b c	Lead action level Secondary action level
1.60	

MCL Maximum contaminant level Milligram per kilogram
Milligram per liter
Not applicable
Polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons
Polychlorinated biphenyl mg/kg mg/L NA

PAH

PCB

TCLP Toxicity Characteristic Leaching Procedure

4.2 REMEDY IMPLEMENTATION

This section discusses remedy implementation for each ROD: OU-2, interim source control, and OU-1, final source action.

4.2.1 Interim Source Control

A group of 13 potentially responsible parties (PRP) was ordered by a December 11, 1992, Unilateral Administrative Order (UAO) to implement the OU-2 ROD. The group of PRPs completed the work in two phases. The first phase began in March 1993 and included the initial removal, treatment, and discharge of rainwater contained in the West Pit, Washout Pit, and the secondary containment areas at the site. The goal of the first phase was to alleviate the potential for overflow of the pits and subsequent release of constituents at the site. The second phase included the following activities:

- Treatment and discharge of additional accumulated rainfall at the site;
- Segregation, removal, and reuse of a floating paraffin layer within the West Pit;
- Excavation and transfer of sludge and associated soil from the Washout Pit to the West Pit:
- Placement of a 3-foot thick compacted clay liner within the bottom of the Washout Pit; and,
- Placement of a 60-millimeter high-density polyethylene (HDPE) liner over the consolidated material in the West Pit.

OU-2 RA activities ended in January 1994 (ThermoRetec 1999). Project completion was documented in an RA certification report dated January 1994 and a final construction report dated March 14, 1994. During RA activities, approximately 2 million gallons of water were treated and discharged. Approximately 2,100 cubic yards of contaminated soil were moved from the Washout Pit to the West Pit (EPA 2000). Approximately 149,800 gallons of paraffin present in the West and Washout Pits were processed and transported off site for use as an alternate fuel. The OU-2 RA was conducted in accordance with the OU-2 ROD, UAO statement of work, and OU-2 Work Plan (EPA 2000). However, with EPA approval, the work was conducted with the following slight variations (Geraghty & Miller, Inc. 1995):

• The ROD called for segregation of the paraffin layer on the West Pit, but the RA included processing, transportation, and off-site use of the paraffin as an alternate fuel.

• The ROD called for backfilling the Washout Pit after excavation, but the RA included installing a 3-foot clay liner at the bottom of the pit, so that the pit could be used as a treatment or disposal cell in the final design.

The EPA also approved the following activities that were conducted but were not specified in the OU-2 ROD (Geraghty & Miller, Inc. 1995):

- Emptying, cleaning, and removing all drums that originally contained investigationderived wastes;
- Stabilization and off-site disposal of certain solid wastes;
- Removal, decontamination, and on-site storage of a portion of the concrete pad adjacent to the Washout Pit; and,
- Plugging and abandoning two of three on-site water wells.

4.2.2 Final Source Action

A consent decree between EPA and the 13-member PRP group was entered in Federal district court on June 5, 1995, for the final source action. During 1995 and 1996, the PRP group conducted pre-design investigation and sampling activities to further characterize site soil and sludge and performed treatability testing (Geraghty & Miller, Inc. 1995; ThermoRetec 1999). A full-scale remedy demonstration testing was conducted after the pre-design studies. A biological land treatment demonstration was conducted on site during the summer of 1996, followed by a stabilization treatment demonstration in April 1997. The success of the stabilization process depended on the additive used to immobilize the contaminants. The stabilization demonstration was not successful until the additive was changed from Type I Portland cement to ferrous sulfate. The EPA approved the stabilization method using ferrous sulfate in August 1997. The EPA approved the RA work plan and final design report in April 1997, while field demonstrations were being completed (ThermoRetec 1999).

Remediation Technologies, Inc., performed RA activities under contract to the PRP group. Construction began on June 2, 1997. The RA activities included the following (ThermoRetec 1999, EPA 2000):

- Removing three underground storage tanks;
- Sampling five aboveground storage tanks and removing the water fraction into roll-off boxes. Oily media were also consolidated into roll-off boxes and then treated on-site along with sludge and waste liquids from the tanks. Tanks were ultimately cut apart, decontaminated, and shipped off-site for recycling;
- Constructing a land treatment unit (LTU), stormwater retention ponds, and a water treatment system;

- Excavating contaminated sludge and associated soil that remained in the Washout Pit and West Pit after OU-2 RA activities were completed to meet cleanup goals and then overexcavating to construct containment cells;
- Constructing a French drain collection system in the West Pit to recover organic material that may have affected the shallow water zone and performing a pump test in French drain in 2001;
- Biotreating 31,617 cubic yards of sludge and associated soil and stabilizing 21,274 cubic yards of site soils contaminated with metals and approximately 20,000 cubic yards of biological treatment residuals in the LTU;
- Disposing treated wastes on-site in the lined West Pit and Washout Pit containment cells;
- Constructing 2-foot thick clay covers over the West Pit and Washout Pit containment cells after treatment activities were complete. Placing a 6-inch layer of topsoil over the clay covers and establishing vegetative grass cover;
- Treating stormwater that accumulated in the retention ponds by sand and granular activated carbon filters and discharging stormwater in accordance with LDEQ discharge requirements. In addition, chemical oxygen demand and pH levels were regularly monitored to evaluate system performance; and,
- Grading the site to promote drainage and installing a 6-foot chain-link fence around the entire perimeter of the site to control access.

Confirmatory samples were collected at the excavated areas to make certain that all materials with contaminant concentrations higher than cleanup goals had been removed. In addition, performance samples were collected to make certain that the biotreatment residuals and stabilized materials met cleanup goals and performance standards (including Toxicity Characteristic Leaching Procedure [TCLP] standards). Leachate and ground water did not accumulate in the French drains, and no light nonaqueous phase liquid (LNAPL) was observed in the drains after the completion of the pump test (ARCADIS 2001c). A pre-final inspection was conducted on February 19, 1999, and a final inspection was conducted on March 11, 1999. The EPA determined that the RA was completed during the final inspection, except for the submittal of the RA report and filing of the deed notice. The PRP group submitted the RA report on June 11, 1999, and EPA approved the report on October 4, 1999. The PRP group entered a "Right of Use Agreement and Declaration of Restrictions" with the Vermilion Parish Police Jury on September 23, 1999, for the GCVS site (Vermilion Parish Police Jury 1999). The EPA approved a final closeout report for the GCVS site in March 2000.

4.3 OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

After the construction phase of the RA was completed, the PRP group began the O&M phase. The O&M activities for the GCVS site include routine inspections and maintenance of the protective caps on the West Pit and the Washout Pit and of the perimeter fencing as well as long-term ground water monitoring. Occasional O&M associated with the French drains is also conducted. A pump test was conducted in 2001 that confirmed no LNAPL existed in the shallow ground water (ARCADIS 2001c). Since then, the French drains have been incorporated in the long-term ground water monitoring program (ARCADIS 2002).

The PRP group is required to conduct yearly inspections and subsequent maintenance of the GCVS site (ARCADIS 2002). Completed site inspection forms are included in ground water monitoring reports. Dates and major finding from the first three inspections are as follows:

- **July 13, 2000.** The inspector observed areas of significant erosion, several gullies with sparse vegetation, and populated weeds on the cover at the West and Washout Pit (ARCADIS 2001a).
- May 7, 2001. The inspector observed vegetation on the West Pit and the Washout Pit with large weed populations. According to the inspection form, the areas of erosion observed during the 2000 inspection were repaired. However, the inspector observed signs of erosion in the same areas that had previously been repaired (ARCADIS 2001b).
- **July 2, 2002.** The inspector observed minor erosion gullies present on the West Pit cover. Except for some species of weeds, the covers appeared to be sufficiently vegetated with no significant bare spots. According to the inspection form, previous areas of erosion had been repaired (ARCADIS 2003a).

The PRP group initiated post-RA ground water monitoring in April 1997, before RA activities were completed. Quarterly monitoring was conducted from 1997 through 2001; semiannual monitoring was conducted in 2002 and is currently being conducted in 2003. The frequency of ground water monitoring will be reduced to annually in 2004 because the statistical analysis report shows that concentrations are not increasing. The proposed sampling schedule is shown in Table 5 (ARCADIS 2002).

The monitoring well network at the time of the RI consisted of 12 monitoring wells and one water supply well at the GCVS site, 10 monitoring wells on the adjacent D.L. Mud site, and 11 monitoring wells located on properties adjacent to the site. Monitoring well locations are shown on Figure 2. During the fourth quarter of 2001, EPA approved plugging and abandoning the duplicate wells (G-11P and G-8A) and wells constructed of stainless steel (G-11S, G-1, G-2, G-5, D-6, and D-7), as well as installing two replacement wells (D-6R and D-7R) and a new Upper Chicot Aquifer Unit well (G-25). Monitoring wells

are screened in the Silty Clay I/Alluvium Unit and the Upper Chicot Aquifer. The following monitoring wells are maintained because of their proximity to historical sources of contamination and solidified material: G-3R, G-4R, G-7A, G-7B, G-8B, G-8C, G-10, G-14, G-15, G-25, D-6R, and D-7R. The following monitoring wells are maintained as down gradient wells for semiannual water level measurements, and annual ground water sampling: G-9, G-13, G-17, G-18, and G-19 (ARCADIS 2002, 2003b). Figure 3 shows the current monitoring well network.

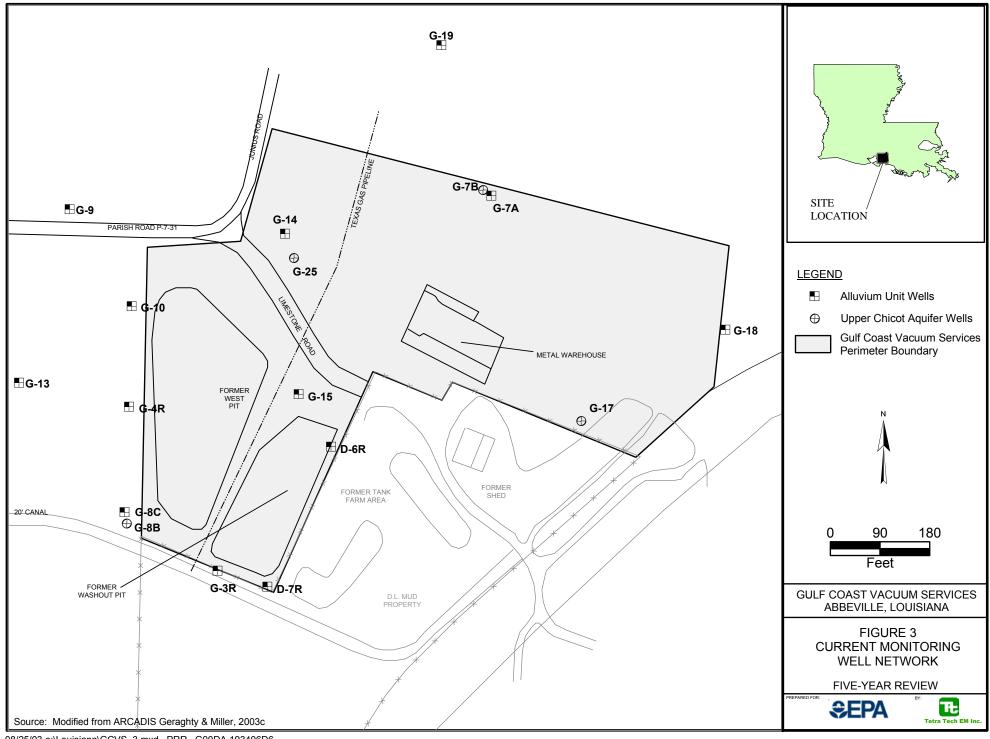


TABLE 5
SCHEDULE FOR LONG-TERM GROUND WATER MONITORING

Year	Sampling Frequency	COMMENTS
1996	Quarterly	
1997	Quarterly	Post-RA sampling begins
1998	Quarterly	First five-year review
1999	Quarterly	
2000	Quarterly	
2001	Quarterly	
2002	Semiannual	Long-term monitoring phase begins
2003	Semiannual	Second five-year review
2004	Annual	Statistical analysis report shows concentrations are not increasing
2005	Annual	
2006	Annual	
2007	Annual	
2008	Annual	Third five-year review
Remaining years	Annual	

The long-term ground water monitoring plan also includes sampling of the two French drains that were installed at the West Pit during RA activities to recover organic material in the shallow aquifer. The French drains will be sampled at the same frequency as the monitoring wells until the end of 2003. After 2003, sampling of the French drain above the liner will cease, and sampling of the French drain below the liner will continue on the same frequency as the monitoring well sampling (ARCADIS 2002). The drain above the liner only receives moisture from the solidified wastes, which are overlaid by a clay cap. There is no exposure route as the moisture is contained within a 60-millimeter HDPE liner and is not leaching into the environment. Sampling of the upper drain will be discontinued, while sampling of the lower drain will continue to ensure that the clay cap and 60 millimeter HDPE liner are working as designed.

Samples collected from the long-term monitoring network are analyzed for arsenic, barium, cadmium, and chromium. Also, samples collected from the two French drains are analyzed for the same four contaminants and total petroleum hydrocarbons (TPH). Originally, the site's parameter list of analytes included benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, xylenes, and mercury; however, EPA approved removing these parameters from the list of analytes after they were not detected in 17 sampling events (ARCADIS 2002). Ground water monitoring results are presented in routine ground water monitoring reports. Data trends, included in the statistical analysis report of post-RA sampling results, are discussed in Section 6.4.

4.4 OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE COSTS

No O&M cost information for the GCVS site was available for the five-year review.

4.5 PROGRESS SINCE THE LAST FIVE-YEAR REVIEW

The first five-year review was completed in September 1998. At that time, the following RA activities remained to be completed (EPA 1998):

- Biological treatment, stabilization, and containment of the final three lifts (approximately 15,000 cubic yards) of organic-contaminated material;
- Excavation, stabilization, and containment of remaining metal-contaminated material (approximately 24,000 cubic yards) located in the northern and eastern parts of the site;
- Construction of caps after treatment and containment is complete; and,
- Continued ground water monitoring and ground water modeling to determine if contaminant concentrations are decreasing.

The only recommendation in the first-five-year review was to complete the remaining RA activities listed above. The selected remedy was determined to be protective of human health and the environment during the first review (EPA 1998).

After the first five-year review was completed, remaining organic- and metal-contaminated material was treated and disposed of in the on-site disposal area. The on-site disposal area was capped, and ground water monitoring continued. The final closeout report for the GCVS site was submitted on March 2000 (EPA 2000). Ground water elevations and contaminant concentrations were monitored quarterly from the time of the first five-year review until 2001. Ground water was monitored semiannually in 2002, and the first 2003 semiannual event has been completed. On April 18, 2003, the PRP group submitted a draft statistical analysis report of post-RA ground water monitoring results to determine if contaminant concentrations are decreasing. The final statistical report was completed in August 2003 (ARCADIS 2003c).

5.0 FIVE-YEAR REVIEW PROCESS

The second five-year review for the GCVS site was directed by Katrina Coltrain, EPA Remedial Project Manager. The EPA notified the PRP Group representative, Mark R. Hendrickson of Chevron Texaco, at the start of the five-year review process. Additionally, residents of Abbeville were notified of the review through a public notice placed in the *Abbeville Meridional* on January 26, 2003. The five-year review included surveys; reviews of relevant documents, standards, and ground water monitoring data; interviews; and a site inspection conducted on January 27 and 28, 2003. The documents reviewed include but are not limited to, the following:

- 1. 1992 RODs for OU-1 and OU-2;
- 2. 1995 ROD amendment for OU-1;
- 3. Various memoranda and reports documenting the three removal actions that took place in March 1990, February 1991, and April 1992;
- 4. 1995 remedial design work plan;
- 5. 1998 first five-year review;
- 6. 1999 RA report;
- 7. 2000 final closeout report;
- 8. 2001 remedial ground water monitoring report for 1999 and 2000 quarterly events;
- 9. 2001 remedial ground water monitoring report for first and second 2001 quarterly events;
- 10. 2002 long-term ground water monitoring plan;
- 11. 2003 ground water monitoring reports for 2002 semiannual events; and,

12. 2003 statistical report.

Complete references for all documents reviewed are provided in Appendix A. Upon its completion, the second five-year review report will be made available at the information repository for the site, and a notice of its availability will be placed in the local newspaper.

6.0 FIVE-YEAR REVIEW FINDINGS

This section presents the findings of the second five-year review. Specifically, this section presents the findings of surveys, a site inspection, an applicable or relevant and appropriate requirements (ARAR) review, and a data review.

6.1 SURVEYS

In accordance with the community involvement requirements of the five-year review process, EPA identified key individuals to be surveyed. Completed survey forms for the following people are included in Appendix B, Exhibit C:

- Michael J, Bertrand, Vermilion Parish Police Jury;
- Mark R. Hendrickson, GCVS Steering Committee Chairman;
- Rich Johnson, LDEQ;
- Wilma Subra, Technical Assistance Group;
- Adjacent Resident, No. 1;
- Adjacent Resident, No. 2; and
- Adjacent Resident, No. 3.

No continuing or unresolved issues were discovered during the interview process. Minor issues and concerns identified during the interview are as follows:

- Information on ground water monitoring frequency and analytical results should be provided to the Vermilion Parish Police Jury. Notification of site visits should also be provided to the Police Jury.
- Oil in the French drains and residual contaminants at the site.
- Potholes along the primary site road.

6.2 SITE INSPECTION

A site inspection was conducted on January 27 and 28, 2003, to assess the condition of the site and the effectiveness of measures employed to protect human health and the environment from the contaminants still present at the site. Attendees included: (1) Katrina Coltrain of EPA; (2) Roger Lee of U.S. Geological Survey; (3) Kipper Montgomery and George Cook of Arcadis; and, (4) Sarah Babcock, Luis Vega, Ronny Matte, and Byron Trahan of Tetra Tech. The site visit report, which includes a photographic log of the inspection (Exhibit A), a site inspection checklist (Exhibit B), and site survey forms (Exhibit C), is provided in Appendix B.

No evidence of contamination was visible at the site. Most monitoring wells visually inspected were in good condition, clearly labeled, and protected from impact. The well cover on well G-15 was broken. Well G-24 was observed but is not part of the RA monitoring network and has not been sampled since 1994. The grass at the site, including that on the clay caps, appeared to be similar in type, health, and density to grass in typical areas outside the site. Large anthills were observed on the caps. Ponded areas were observed at the base of the side-slopes on the south side of the West Pit cap and the east side of the Washout Pit cap. Access restrictions including fencing and signs were in good condition, and no vandalism was observed. Several potholes were observed on the primary site road that is used by area residents.

6.3 ARAR REVIEW

The original and amended RODs identified the ARARs and supporting regulations pertaining to the GCVS site. One of the requirements of a five-year review is to determine if there are any new ARARs or standards for the site that affect the protectiveness of the remedy. Based on the ARARs review, no newly promulgated ARARs or standards for the GCVS site were identified. The original and amended ROD divided ARARs pertaining to remedial activities at the GCVS site into chemical- and action-specific categories. The original and amended RODs did not specify any location-specific ARARs, and no new location-specific ARARs apply now, based on the document review, site inspection, and site interviews. The chemical- and action-specific ARARs are discussed below.

6.3.1 Chemical-specific ARARs

Chemical-specific ARARs are usually health- or risk-based numerical values or methodologies used to determine acceptable concentrations of chemicals that may be found in or discharged to the environment. The chemical-specific ARARs specified in the original and amended ROD for the GCVS site are discussed below:

- Identification and Listing of Hazardous Waste (Title 40 Code of Federal Regulations [CFR] Part 261), Subpart C Characteristics of Hazardous Waste and Subpart D Lists of Hazardous Wastes Contaminated sludges and soil were tested to determine if they were listed hazardous wastes. Sludges and soil were treated using stabilization or biological treatment. The treated sludges and soils were tested to make certain that TCLP levels were not exceeded and then the treated sludges and soils were disposed of on-site. The RA complies with this ARAR.
- Land Disposal Restrictions 40 CFR Part 268, 40 CFR § 268.4 and Subpart D Treatment Standards Soil and sludge in the West Pit and Washout Pit were hazardous waste because they exceeded the toxicity characteristic for benzene. These soils and sludges were treated using biological treatment. The RA complied with this ARAR by collecting confirmation soil samples to ensure that contaminants met all disposal requirements (i.e., toxicity characteristic for benzene). All treated soil and sludge samples met stated requirements and were disposed of on-site.
- National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (40 CFR Part 61) These regulations were relevant and appropriate to the excavation and treatment of soils and sludges. Air monitoring conducted during RA excavation and treatment of the soil and sludges met emission standard requirements.
- Safe Drinking Water Act Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs) (40 CFR part 141)
 These regulations were relevant and appropriate during water discharge from any site cleanup activities. Before stormwater was discharged from the site, confirmation samples were analyzed to ensure that water quality standards were met. All samples met standards before discharge.
- Louisiana Administrative Code 33, IX, Water Quality Regulations These regulations were relevant and appropriate during water discharge from any site cleanup activities. Stormwater confirmation samples were collected to ensure that Louisiana water quality regulations were met. All samples met discharge requirements.
- Louisiana Administrative Code 33, IX, Underground Storage Tank Regulation These regulations were relevant and appropriate during cleanup of the underground storage tanks. Contaminated tank contents and associated soils were treated and disposed of onsite. Confirmation samples taken during the cleanup of the soils and tank contents met the Louisiana underground storage tank regulation requirements.

The primary constituents that could affect the protectiveness of the remedy if risk assessment factors have been changed are arsenic and barium in soil. In the case of a five-year review, only contaminants for which significant changes in toxicity factors reflect increased toxicity are pertinent, and then only if the selected remedy is no longer protective. The soil cleanup goal for arsenic is based on background levels and the cleanup goal for barium is based on toxicity values such as references doses and potency factors. In the case of GCVS, the toxicity factors for arsenic have not been revised since the ROD was signed in 1992, according to EPA's Integrated Risk Information System (EPA 2003a). Although the toxicity factors for barium were re-evaluated and updated in 1998 and 1999 (EPA 2003a), no changes were made to the numerical values of the toxicity factors for barium according to the EPA Superfund Technical

Support Center (EPA 2003c). Therefore, there have been no changes in toxicity factors that would affect the protectiveness of the remedy.

The original ROD specified no chemical-specific ARARs for ground water. However, it did provide for implementing contingency measures if ground water contamination significantly rises or if a risk of imminent exposure surfaces. The ground water has been monitored and the data have been analyzed. The statistical analysis indicates that ground water contaminant levels are not increasing. In addition, no imminent risk of potential human ingestion has occurred. Because contaminants show no increasing trends and there is no imminent risk of potential exposure to humans, the contingency measures are not necessary at this time. In accordance with the original ROD, there are still no chemical-specific ARARs for ground water because no contingency measures are necessary at this time.

6.3.2 Action-specific ARARs

Action-specific ARARs are usually technology- or activity-based requirements or limitations on actions or conditions taken with respect to specific substances. These requirements are triggered by the particular remedial activities that are selected to accomplish the remedy. The action-specific ARARs specified in the original and amended RODs are discussed below:

- Standards for Owners and Operators of Hazardous Waste Treatment, Storage, and Disposal Facilities (40 CFR Part 264) The amended ROD indicated that following subparts may be applicable, depending on the treatment methods used, during storage and treatment of the site wastes, as well as during the long-term monitoring of the on-site area where the treated wastes were disposed of:
 - Subpart B: General Facility Standards;
 - Subpart C: Preparedness and Prevention;
 - Subpart D: Contingency Plan and Emergency Procedures;
 - Subpart G: Closure and Post-Closure;
 - Subpart I: Use and Management of Containers;
 - Subpart J: Tank Systems;
 - Subpart K: Surface Impoundments;
 - Subpart L: Waste Piles;
 - Subpart N: Landfill; and
 - Subpart O: Incinerators.

Subparts J, K, L, N, and O do not apply because hazardous waste was managed in an LTU and roll-off boxes and not tanks, surface impoundments, waste piles, landfills, or incinerators.

Subparts I, B, C, and D applied during treatment of hazardous waste in the LTUs and storage of waste in roll-off boxes. It appears that the RA complied with Subparts I, B, C, and D during hazardous waste treatment based on documents reviewed, the site inspection, and interviews. Compliance with Subparts I, B, C, and D was documented in the RA workplan and Remedial Design Report with the finalization of site specific plans addressing standard operating procedures, construction quality and specifications, remedial action contingencies, and equipment information. The RA complies with applicable sections of Subpart G because confirmation soil samples were collected to confirm that hazardous material did not migrate from the treatment unit, and groundwater monitoring is being and will be conducted for 30 years.

• Standards for Owners and Operators of Hazardous Waste Treatment, Storage and Disposal Facilities Ground Water Monitoring (40 CFR § 264.117(a)(1)) – The original ROD indicated that postclosure and monitoring requirements of this regulation were applicable. This regulation requires monitoring and maintenance of the waste containment unit, including monitoring of ground water for 30 years. Ground water has been monitored in accordance with this ARAR. In addition, the disposal area is monitored and maintained in accordance with the EPA-approved O&M plan and manual. The results of the monitoring and maintenance activities are periodically reported to EPA in accordance with the approved schedule. The RA complies with this ARAR.

No other action-specific ARARs for the GCVS site were identified during the five-year review process, and no new action-specific requirements pertaining to the site have been promulgated since 1995.

6.4 DATA REVIEW

Review of the 1999 RA report (ThermoRetec 1999) and the 2000 final closeout report (EPA 2000) for the GCVS indicates that OU-1 and OU-2 remedies are complete and cleanup goals and performance standards have been achieved. Ground water continues to be monitored at the site to determine if natural attenuation of ground water contaminants is occurring. Ground water monitoring data reviewed include monitoring results summarized in the following reports:

- "Remedial Action Ground Water Monitoring Report, Third Quarterly Sampling Event" (ARCADIS 1998);
- "Remedial Ground Water Monitoring Report (2Q99, 3Q99, 4Q99, 1Q00, 2Q00, 3Q00, 4Q00)" (ARACADIS 2001a);
- "Remedial Ground Water Monitoring Report (1Q01 and 2Q01) (ARCADIS 2001b);
- "Long-Term Ground Water Monitoring Plan" (ARCADIS 2002);
- "Remedial Ground Water Monitoring Report, First Semiannual 2002" (ARCADIS 2003a);

- "Remedial Ground Water Monitoring Report, Second Semiannual 2002" (ARACADIS 2003b); and,
- "Gulf Coast Vacuum Services Ground Water Statistics Report" (ARCADIS 2003c).

The goal of ground water monitoring of network wells is to determine if arsenic, barium, cadmium, and chromium are naturally attenuating and to make certain that ground water contamination does not migrate off-site. Originally, the site's parameter list also included benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, xylenes, and mercury; however, EPA approved removing these parameters from the list of analytes after they were not detected in 17 sampling events (ARCADIS 2002). The EPA recommends using the following four indicators when reviewing ground water monitoring data to evaluate the performance of monitored natural attenuation (EPA 1999), which will be the focus of this discussion:

- Demonstrate that natural attenuation is occurring according to expectations;
- Detect changes in ground water environmental conditions that may reduce the efficacy of the natural attenuation processes;
- Identify any potentially toxic or mobile transformation products (not applicable to the site because no transformation products have been identified); and,
- Verify that the plume is not expanding either down gradient, laterally, or vertically (not applicable to the site because no identifiable or sustainable plume has been identified).

A statistical analysis report was prepared by the PRP group to evaluate whether natural attenuation is occurring according to expectations at the GCVS site (ARCADIS 2003c). Data from April 1998 through January 2003 were evaluated as part of the statistical analysis report and were compared to MCLs. The MCL for arsenic is 50 micrograms per liter (μ g/L), for barium is 2,000 μ g/L, for cadmium is 5 μ g/L, and for chromium is 100 μ g/L. Data were also compared to background concentrations that were collected from monitoring wells G-7A (Silty Clay I/Alluvium Unit) and G-7B (Upper Chicot Aquifer), and data trends were evaluated over time (ARCADIS 2003c).

French drain data were not included in the statistical analysis report as part of this five-year review because samples have been collected from the drains for only a few years. The drain above the liner only receives moisture from the solidified wastes, which are overlaid by a clay cap. There is no exposure route as the moisture is contained within a 60-millimeter HDPE liner and is not leaching into the environment. Sampling of the upper drain will be discontinued, while sampling of the lower drain will continue to ensure that the clay cap and 60 millimeter HDPE liner are working as designed.

The statistical analysis report concluded that all analytical results from monitoring wells in the Upper Chicot Aquifer, except well G-17, have been below MCLs since April 1998 (ARCADIS 2003c). Well G-17 has not exceeded the MCL for chromium since April 1999, and shows a decreasing trend. Although barium concentrations were below MCLs at well G-8B, barium concentrations showed an increasing trend at a probability level of 0.10. However, when a probability level of 0.05 is applied, no trend is observed. Analytical and statistical results for arsenic, barium, cadmium, and chromium are presented in Tables 6A through 6D, respectively.

The statistical analysis report concluded that most analytical results from monitoring wells in the Silty Clay I/Alluvium Unit were below MCLs. For wells with analytical results that exceeded MCLs, many had contaminant concentrations that were not significantly above background concentrations or showed a significant decrease over time. Wells with concentrations above MCLs and background concentrations and that show no trend include wells G-3R (barium), G-4R (barium), and G-14 (barium). Arsenic, barium, cadmium, and chromium concentrations at several wells were above MCLs and show no trend; however, the statistical analysis report determined that concentrations at these wells were not significantly above background concentrations. The statistical analysis report explained that the reason data at several wells showed no trend could be because natural attenuation is occurring too slowly to detect a significant decrease over a 5-year period (ARCADIS 2003c). Analytical and statistical results for arsenic, barium, cadmium, and chromium are presented in Tables 6A through 6D, respectively.

TABLE 6A

SUMMARY OF DATA TRENDS AND STATISTICAL ANALYSIS OF GROUND WATER ANALYTICAL RESULTS FOR TOTAL ARSENIC

																		Statistical
	Apr-98	Jul-98	Oct-98	Apr-99	Jul-99	Oct-99	Jan-00	May-00	Jul-00	Nov-00	Feb-01	May-01	Aug-01	Dec-01	May-02	Nov-02	3-Jan	Summary
Silt Clay I/Al	luvium Uni	t																
D-6/6R	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<5	<5	<5	8	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	BMCL
D-7/7R	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	BMCL
G-8A	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<5	<5	9	5	11	<5	<5	<5	<5				BMCL
G-11P	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<5	6	<5	7	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5				BMCL
G-11S	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	<5	NS	NS				BMCL
G-18	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	12.3	23	19	151	14	20	<5	16	<5	<5	NS	<5	NSAB
G-4R	43.9	130	58	78	66.5	58	110	160	10	66	74	72	340	77	81	100	88	NSAB
G-8C	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<5	19	68	23	46	10	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	NSAB
G-10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<5	<5	6	34	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	BMCL
G-13	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<5	31	48	57	28	15	<5	<5	<5	NS	<5	NS	NSAB
G-14	19.2	<10	<10	<10	18.5	11.6	75	54	<5	13.0	12	28	14	<5	<5	<5	<5	NSAB
G-3R	59.3	<10	<10	<10	<10	<5	<5	<5	<5	8	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	NSAB
G-15	NS	NS	<10	<10	<10	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	BMCL
G-21	<10	<10	NS	NS	BMCL													
G-22	<10	NS	NS	BMCL														
G-9	<10	NS	8	NS	NS	<5	NS	NS	NS	<5	NS	BMCL						
G-2	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	<5	NS	NS				BMCL
G-19	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	6	NS	NS	NS	<5	NS	BMCL
Upper Chicot	Aquifer																	
D-2	<10	<10	NS	NS	BMCL													
G-8B	<10	<10	<10	<10	5.4	5.5	6	6	5	<5	<5	5	8	9	<5	<5	<5	BMCL
G-17	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<5	<5	<5	NS	NS	BMCL							
G-25	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	<5	<5	7	BMCL
G-1	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	5	NS	NS				BMCL

TABLE 6A (Continued) SUMMARY OF DATA TRENDS AND STATISTICAL ANALYSIS OF GROUND WATER ANALYTICAL RESULTS FOR TOTAL ARSENIC

Notes:

All units provided in µg/L

Bolded results are above MCL (50 μ g/L)

Average background levels for arsenic are $6.7 \mu g/L$ in the Silty Clay I/Alluvium Unit and $17 \mu g/L$ in the Upper Chicot Aquifer.

Less than <

* Well not yet installed

-- Well plugged and abandoned

µg/L Micrograms per liter

BMCL Below maximum contaminant level

MCL Maximum contaminant level

NS Not sampled

NSAB Not significantly above background

NTRD Significantly above background and no trend

Source: ARCADIS 2003b, 2003

SUMMARY OF DATA TRENDS AND STATISTICAL ANALYSIS OF GROUND WATER ANALYTICAL RESULTS FOR TOTAL BARIUM

TABLE 6B

																Ī		Statistical
	Apr-98	Jul-98	Oct-98	Apr-99	Jul-99	Oct-99	Jan-00	May-00	Jul-00	Nov-00	Feb-01	May-01	Aug-01	Dec-01	May-02	Nov-02	Jan-03	Summary
Silty Clay I/A	I		001 70	7 tp1 //	Jul))	001))	Jan 00	Way 00	Ju 1 00	1107 00	100 01	Way 01	riug 01	Dec or	Way 02	1107 02	Juli 03	Zummurj
D-6/6R	1090	1100	1000	1200	1160	1090	1000	1000	570	1100	861	1000	980	1100	470.0	510	550	BMCL
D-0/0R D-7/7R	495	450	420	420	414	451	420	390	8200	459	433	480	460	490	440.0	400	410	NSAB
G-8A	200	1100	660	1500	1530	3400	9300	19000	330	4900	4900	400	770	270	440.0			NSAB
G-8A G-11P	<200	<200	<200	1400	293	519	750	370	1400	145	299	230	280	330				BMCL
														NS NS				
G-11S	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	520	NS 450		170			BMCL
G-18	201	210	<200	230	260	372	630	440	3400	424	610	210	450	160	170	NS	NS	NSAB
G-4R	2330	2400	2200	1600	2490	2150	2700	3700	1500	2800	2200	1800	2800	1600	1400	1500	1300	NTRD
G-8C	773	1700	980	820	781	1200	2100	16000	580	6500	1800	700	1000	790	910	930	700	NSAB
G-10	599	910	600	580	838	729	970	1400	4000	1200	1400	780	1400	960	860	860	900	NSAB
G-13	275	260	300	290	284	316	1200	1600	10000	1300	919	410	300	260	NS	260	NS	NSAB
G-14	2410	1800	1100	1400	4490	3330	16000	9600	5000	4200	3300	5700	3200	1400	1400	1200	1100	NTRD
G-3R	7060	2400	2800	2900	3530	3560	3900	4500	1100	5000	4200	4400	3900	4100	4200	4000	3900	NTRD
G-15	NS	NS	1100	1200	1120	1130	1200	1300	1200	1400	1200	1500	1100	900	1000	610	880	BMCL
G-21	1720	1700	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	BMCL
G-22	423	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	BMCL
G-9	250	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	520	NS	NS	210	NS	NS	NS	210	NS	BMCL
G-2	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	1400	NS	NS				BMCL
G-19	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	1300	NS	NS	NS	1300	NS	BMCL
Upper Chicot	t Aquifer																	
G-8B	899	890	880	890	920	936	880	900	960	966	952	1000	970	950	920	890	830	BMCL
G-17	868	790	880	720	945	643	940	630	440	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	BMCL
G-25	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	330	240	270	BMCL
G-1	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	300	NS	NS				BMCL

TABLE 6B (Continued)

SUMMARY OF DATA TRENDS AND STATISTICAL ANALYSIS OF GROUND WATER ANALYTICAL RESULTS FOR TOTAL BARIUM

Notes:

All units provided in $\mu g/L$

Bolded results are above MCL (2,000 µg/L)

Average background levels for barium are 1,162 µg/L in the Silty Clay I/Alluvium Unit and 367 µg/L in the Upper Chicot Aquifer

Less than

Well not yet installed

Well plugged and abandoned

Micrograms per liter μg/L

BMCL Below maximum contaminant level Maximum contaminant level

MCL

Not sampled NS

NSAB Not significantly above background

NTRD Significantly above background and no trend

Source: ARCADIS 2003B, 2003C

TABLE 6C
SUMMARY OF DATA TRENDS AND STATISTICAL ANALYSIS OF GROUND WATER ANALYTICAL RESULTS FOR TOTAL CADMIUM

	Apr-98	Jul-98	Oct-98	Apr-99	Jul-99	Oct-99	Jan-00	May-00	Jul-00	Nov-00	Feb-01	May-01	Aug-01	Dec-01	May-02	Nov-02	Jan-03	Statistical Summary
Silty Clay I/A	lluvium Unit																	
D-6/6R	2.3	2.0	1.7	2.0	1.7	2.0	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	BMCL
D-7/7R	0.67	0.6	< 0.5	< 0.5	<.5	< 0.5	<5	<5	8	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	NSAB
G-8A	1.9	3.2	2.9	4.1	4.8	6.8	10	25	7	35	5	<5	<5	<5				NSAB
G-11P	4.1	1.6	1.8	9.3	3.4	4.2	<5	8	36	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5				NSAB
G-11S	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	<5	NS	NS				BMCL
G-18	0.55	1.4	< 0.5	0.6	0.69	1.6	<5	<5	17	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	NS	NS	NSAB
G-4R	1.9	2.8	1.5	5.8	6.8	6.3	19	33	<5	8	<5	<5	8	<5	<5	18	17	NSAB
G-8C	2.8	3.2	2.9	2.7	2.6	3.8	<5	7	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	NS	NSAB
G-10	1.3	32	< 0.5	6.4	15.7	12.8	58	50	<5	21	45	<5	34	13	<5	<5	<5	NSAB
G-13	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5	3.6	< 0.5	< 0.5	<5	<5	21	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	NS	<5	NS	NSAB
G-14	72	11	1.8	6.3	23	6.5	36	19	14	8	8	14	9	<5	<5	<5	<5	NSAB
G-3R	19.0	8.5	5.4	7.8	9.1	8.8	9	13	<5	10	5	5	6	<5	8	7	8	NSAB
G-15	NS	NS	5.4	3.8	6.5	6.6	7	9	7	8	7	7	7	<5	<5	<5	<5	NSAB
G-21	4.4	3.6	NS	BMCL														
G-22	1.1	NS	BMCL															
G-9	<.5	NS	<5	NS	NS	<5	NS	NS	NS	<5	NS	BMCL						
G-2	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	<5	NS	NS				BMCL
G-19	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	32	NS	NS	NS	6	NS	NSAB
Upper Chicot	Aquifer																	
D-2	< 0.5	< 0.5	NS	BMCL														
G-8B	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	BMCL
G-17	< 0.5	1.8	1.2	0.5	0.56	< 0.5	<5	<5	<5	NS	BMCL							
G-25	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	<5	<5	<5	BMCL
G-1	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	<5	NS	NS				BMCL

TABLE 6C (Continued)

SUMMARY OF DATA TRENDS AND STATISTICAL ANALYSIS OF GROUND WATER ANALYTICAL RESULTS FOR TOTAL CADMIUM

Notes:

All units provided in µg/L

Bolded results are above MCL (5 µg/L)

Average background levels for cadmium are 1.9 µg/L in the Silty Clay I/Alluvium Unit and 1.7 µg/L in the Upper Chicot Aquifer

< Less than

* Well not yet installed

- Well plugged and abandoned

μg/L Micrograms per liter

BMCL Below maximum contaminant level

DECT Significantly above background and decreasing trend

MCL Maximum contaminant level

NS Not sampled

NSAB Not significantly above background

NTRD Significantly above background and no trend

Source: ARCADIS 2003B, 2003C

TABLE 6D

SUMMARY OF DATA TRENDS AND STATISTICAL ANALYSIS OF GROUND WATER ANALYTICAL RESULTS FOR TOTAL CHROMIUM

	Apr-98	Jul-98	Oct-98	Apr-99	Jul-99	Oct-99	Jan-00	May-00	Jul-00	Nov-00	Feb-01	May-01	Aug-01	Dec-01	May-02	Nov-02	Jan-03	Statistical Summary
Silty Clay I/All	1		30175	p. >>		30077	7411 00	may oo	741 00	1101 00	100 01	1,14,7 01	1105 01	200 01	1114, 02	1101 02		~
D-6/6R	2000	2200	150	2000	969	167	32	200	50	81	29	100	380	180	27	<5	13	DECT
D-7/7R	1270	1600	190	710	115	633	370	87	36	26	21	120	180	25	<5	<5	13	NSAB
G-8A	<10	160	24	150	27.3	26.3	190	410	8	391	21	8	<5	<5				NSAB
G-11P	32.3	56	16	1000	6.6	36	30	14	88	<5	<5	19	8	6				NSAB
G-11S	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	1000	NS	NS				NSAB
G-18	21.9	37	13	250	15.1	56.8	69	54	153	41	65	51	45	<5	<5	NS	NS	NSAB
G-4R	62.2	38	57	130	53.3	101	93	230	40	56	34	<5	100	120	<5	<5	<5	NSAB
G-8C	11.6	100	140	<10	11.2	20.2	120	250	70	156	36	13	140	15	<5	<5	<5	NSAB
G-10	22	53	<10	100	19	29.4	33	94	116	39	71	<5	42	16	<5	<5	<5	NSAB
G-13	12.1	30.0	11	44	<10	14.3	120	190	183	136	61	96	19	24	NS	<5	NS	NSAB
G-14	167	65	<10	230	56	49.4	210	170	10	45	40	220	220	16	<5	<5	<5	NSAB
G-3R	401	25	<10	140	27.9	16.2	10	25	40	25	<5	7	10	23	<5	<5	<5	NSAB
G-15	NS	NS	14	<10	<10	<10	5	5	<5	<5	<5	180	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	NSAB
G-21	43.5	31	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	BMCL
G-22	<10	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	BMCL
G-9	11.7	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	50	NS	NS	63	NS	NS	NS	<5	NS	BMCL
G-2	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	9	NS	NS				BMCL
G-19	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	<5	NS	BMCL
Upper Chicot A	Aquifer																	
D-2	<10	12	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	BMCL
G-8B	<10	46.0	<10	<10	<10	<10	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	BMCL
G-17	463	66	160	130	10.9	<10	8	<5	15	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NSAB
G-25	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	<5	<5	<5	BMCL
G-1	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	<5	NS	NS				BMCL

TABLE 6D (Continued)

SUMMARY OF DATA TRENDS AND STATISTICAL ANALYSIS OF GROUND WATER ANALYTICAL RESULTS FOR TOTAL CHROMIUM

Notes:

All units provided in µg/L

Bolded results are above MCL (100 µg/L)

Average background levels for chromium are 34 µg/L in the Silty Clay I/Alluvium Unit and 6.3 µg/L in the Upper Chicot Aquifer

< Less than

Well not yet installed
 Well plugged and abandoned

μg/L Micrograms per liter

BMCL Below maximum contaminant level

DECT Significantly above background and decreasing trend

MCL Maximum contaminant level

NS Not sampled

NSAB Not significantly above background

Source: ARCADIS 2003b, 2003c

The statistical analysis report also compared dissolved with total metal concentrations to determine if elevated metal concentrations were a result of the inclusion of particulates in the ground water sample. The statistical analysis report concluded that the difference between dissolved and total concentrations was significant for barium, cadmium, and chromium but was not significant for arsenic. This indicates that concentrations of total metals may be overestimating the true concentration of metals in ground water (ARCADIS 2003c). To better represent ground water concentrations, the long-term ground water monitoring plan adopted sample collection techniques, such as micropurging and frequent turbidity measurements, to better minimize inclusion of particulates in the ground water samples (ARCADIS 2002).

Changes in ground water environmental conditions that may reduce the efficacy of the natural attenuation processes were not evaluated. Environmental conditions monitoring is not necessary at this time because trends in metal concentrations are sufficient to determine if natural attenuation is occurring.

No potentially toxic or mobile transformation products have been identified or are expected. Based on analytical data from site wells, the presence of an identifiable or sustainable plume has not been established.

Based on the statistical analysis report, data at several wells have exceeded MCLs for arsenic, barium, cadmium, and chromium. Of the wells that have exceeded these MCLs, only barium at well G-8B shows an increasing trend, and an increasing trend is only observed when a probability level of 0.10 is applied. No trend is observed when a probability of 0.05 is applied. Analytical results at a majority of these well show no trend, and results at only a few wells show a decreasing trend. Because a majority of the wells exceed MCLs and show no observable trends, arsenic, barium, cadmium, and chromium should continue to be monitored on an annual basis.

The most recent ground water monitoring report (ARCADIS 2003b) and the statistical analysis report (ARCADIS 2003c) were reviewed to evaluate the potential for off-site migration of contaminants. According to the most recent ground water monitoring report, which documents ground water flow after the network wells were resurveyed in May 2002, ground water in the Silty Clay I/Alluvium Unit generally flows from two highest water elevations at the northern and southwestern portions of the site to the center of the site. Ground water then flows northwest off-site, with the exception of ground water from the most southwestern portion of the site, which appears to flow easterly. Based on the statistical analysis, data from off-site wells G-4R, G-8A, G-8B, G-8C, G-9, G-10, G-13, and G-19 exceed MCLs and do not show a decreasing trend; however, analytical results at only well G-4R (barium) are

significantly above background concentrations. Based on analytical data from site wells, the presence of an identifiable or sustainable plume has not been established; therefore, off-site migration is not a concern at this time. Data show that ground water contamination is not migrating vertically because all monitoring data from the lower Upper Chicot Aquifer are below MCLs except for chromium in well G-17, which shows a decreasing trend. Barium concentrations at well G-8B show an increasing trend; however, an increasing trend is only observable when a probability level of 0.10 or higher is applied and concentrations have been below MCLs (ARCADIS 2003c).

7.0 TECHNICAL ASSESSMENT

The conclusions presented in this section support the determination that the selected remedy for the GCVS site is currently protective of human health and the environment. The EPA Guidance indicates that to assess the protectiveness of a remedy, three questions shall be answered.

Question A: Is the remedy functioning as intended by the decision documents?

- RA performance Based on review of documents, ARARs, and the site inspection, the selected remedies for OU-1 and OU-2 have been completed in accordance with the 1992 RODs and 1995 ROD amendment. Cleanup goals and performance standards were achieved for both OUs as documented by the RA and closeout reports (ThermoRetec 1999; EPA 2000). The RA has achieved RAOs.
- System O&M Yearly site inspections and routine ground water monitoring, which are the primary O&M activities associated with the implemented RA, will maintain the effectiveness of the selected remedy. Maintenance issues were identified during the five-year review site inspection and include mitigating the threat posed by fire ants and ponded and wet areas, repair of the well cover of well G-15, and plugging and abandoning well G-24. The ground water monitoring program effectively monitors potential degradation of ground water below the GCVS site. Ground water monitoring is conducted routinely in accordance with the long-term ground water monitoring plan. Based on review of ground water monitoring reports, the selected remedy effectively protects ground water. However, the recent statistical report indicates that concentrations of arsenic, barium, cadmium, chromium at several wells, some of which are located offsite and down gradient from the site, exceeded MCLs and do not show a decreasing trend. If ground water concentrations at these wells significantly rise or a risk of imminent exposure surfaces, contingency ground water remedies will be evaluated.
- Cost of system and O&M –Cost information was not available for the review.
- Opportunities for optimization In addition to conducting maintenance activities associated with the minor issues identified during the site inspection, opportunities for optimizing the ground water monitoring program were identified after reviewing ground water monitoring reports and the statistical analysis report. Ground water monitoring data at several wells, some of which are off-site and down gradient from the site, are above MCLs and do not show a decreasing trend. Future ground water sampling at these wells should continue on an annual basis until it can be determined that concentrations

are decreasing and that natural attenuation is a sufficient remedy. Annual ground water monitoring would be sufficient to evaluate future trends in all wells.

- Early indicators of potential issues As described above, data from several monitoring wells, some of which are off-site and down gradient from the site, are above MCLs and do not show a decreasing trend. The reason for no trend could be that 5 years is not enough time for natural attenuation to occur. However, future monitoring should be continued annually at those wells with concentrations above MCLs and that do not show a decreasing trend until natural attenuation is determined to be a sufficient remedy. Ponded areas at the base of cap side-slopes are also signs of potential future problems with the remedy. Ponding can lead to erosion of the cap and deteriorate its integrity.
- Implementation of institutional controls Institutional controls have been implemented in accordance with the ROD. A "Right of Use Agreement and Declaration of Restrictions" was entered into with the PRPs on September 23, 1999, granting site access and restricting use.

Question B: Are the assumptions used at the time of remedy selection still valid?

- Changes in standards and to be considered There have been no changes that bear on the protectiveness of the selected remedy. If a contingency ground water remedy is implemented ground water cleanup standards will require evaluation.
- **Changes in exposure pathways** There have been no changes that bear on the protectiveness of the selected remedy.
- Changes in toxicity and other contaminant characteristics There have been no changes that bear on the protectiveness of the selected remedy. Although toxicity factors for barium have been evaluated since 1992, numerical values have not changed. Toxicity factors for arsenic have not changed.
- Changes in risk assessment methodologies There have been no changes that bear on the protectiveness of the selected remedy.
- Expected progress toward meeting RAOs The RAOs relating to contaminated soil have been met. Institutional controls are in place to achieve the remedial objective associated with exposure to contaminated soil and ground water.

Question C: Has any other information come to light that could call into question the protectiveness of the remedy?

No other information has been identified that calls the protectiveness of the selected remedy into question.

Technical Summary

According to documents and data reviewed, the site inspection, and the interviews, the remedy is functioning as intended by the 1992 RODs and 1995 ROD amendment. There have been no changes in the physical conditions of the site that would affect the protectiveness of the remedy. The ARARs cited in the OU-1 ROD and ROD amendment have been met. There have been no changes in toxicity factors for the primary contaminants of concern, and there has been no change to the standardized risk assessment methodology that could affect the protectiveness of the remedy. There is no other information that calls into question the protectiveness of the remedy.

8.0 ISSUES

This section describes issues associated with the GCVS site identified during the second five-year review. The issues are summarized in Table 7. A description of the issues area as follows:

- 1. **Broken well cover** The well cover on well G-15 was broken according to site inspection observations.
- 2. **Well G-24 is not needed** Well G-24 was observed during the site inspection but is not part of the RA monitoring network and has not been sampled since 1994.
- 3. **Large fire ant hills on caps** Large fire ant hills were observed on the caps during the site inspection. Fire ants may burrow deep enough through the caps to create a conduit between the ground surface and the buried waste.
- 4. **Ponded areas at base of cap side-slopes** Ponded areas were observed at the base of the side-slopes on the south side of the West Pit cap and the east side of the Washout Pit cap. These ponded areas could cause erosion and deteriorate the caps' integrity.
- 5. **Several potholes on primary site road** Several potholes were observed on the primary site road used by area residents. Residents complained about road conditions during interviews.
- 6. **Ground water concentrations exceeded MCLs and do not show decreasing trends** According to laboratory analytical results, arsenic, barium, cadmium, and chromium were detected in ground water at concentrations exceeding MCLs. In several RA network wells, some of which are off-site and down gradient from the site, these concentrations show no decreasing trend.

9.0 RECOMMENDATIONS AND FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS

Table 8 summarizes recommendations and follow-up actions for the GCVS site. The PRP group is responsible for conducting follow-up actions, and EPA will provide oversight.

10.0 PROTECTIVENESS STATEMENT

Based on the information available during the second five-year review, the selected remedy for the GCVS site is currently protective of human health and the environment. For the remedy to remain protective in the long-term, caps need to be maintained, ground water monitoring data need to be evaluated on a routine basis, and the deed notice needs to be enforced.

11.0 NEXT REVIEW

The GCVS site requires ongoing five-year reviews. The next review will be conducted within the next five years but no later than September 2008.

TABLE 7

ISSUES IDENTIFIED

Issue	Currently Affects Remedy Protectiveness (Yes/No)
Broken well cover	No
Well G-24 is not needed	No
Large fire ant hills on cap	No
Ponded areas at base of cap side-slopes	No
Several potholes on primary site road	No
Ground water concentrations exceeded MCLs and do not show decreasing trends	No

Notes:

MCL Maximum contaminant level

TABLE 8

RECOMMENDATIONS AND FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS

Issue	Recommendations and Follow-up Actions	Party Responsible	Oversight Agency	Milestone Date	Follow-up Actions Affect Long-Term Remedy Protectiveness (Yes/No)
Broken well cover	Repair well cover on well G-15.	PRP Group	EPA	First ground water monitoring event after submittal of this report	No
Well G-24 is not needed	Plug and abandon well G-24.	PRP Group	EPA	Within 1 year of submittal of this report	No
Large fire ant hills on cap	Mitigate threat posed by fire ants.	PRP Group	EPA	Within 1 year of submittal of this report	Yes
Ponded areas at base of cap side- slopes	Provide drainage to prevent ponding and future erosion.	PRP Group	EPA	Within 1 year of submittal of this report	Yes
Several potholes on primary site road	Issues with the road maintenance should be worked out with the Vermilion Parish Police Jury, because it is the current owner of record due to the purchase of the property through tax sale.	Vermilion Parish Police Jury	None	To be determined	No
Ground water concentrations exceeded MCLs and do not show a decreasing trend Annual ground water monitoring for arsenic, barium, cadmium, and chromium should be continued for all wells. Arsenic, barium, cadmium, chromium have concentrations above MCLs in several wells and show no decreasing trend. Although chromium concentrations have been below the MCL for all wells since 2001, some wells do not show a decreasing trend. If concentrations significantly rise or a risk of imminent exposure surfaces, contingency measures will be implemented.	Annual ground water monitoring for arsenic, barium, cadmium, and chromium should be continued for all wells. Arsenic, barium, cadmium, chromium have concentrations above MCLs in several wells and show no decreasing trend. Although chromium concentrations have been below the MCL for all wells since 2001, some wells do not show a decreasing trend. If concentrations significantly rise or a risk of imminent exposure surfaces, contingency measures will be implemented.	PRP Group	EPA	First ground water monitoring event after submittal of this report	No

Notes:

MCL Maximum contaminant level NGVD National geodetic vertical datum

APPENDIX A

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APPENDIX B

SITE VISIT REPORT

(49 Pages)

SITE VISIT REPORT FOR SECOND FIVE-YEAR REVIEW FOR GULF COAST VACUUM SERVICES SUPERFUND SITE ABBEVILLE, VERMILION PARISH, LOUISIANA

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ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

ARCADIS Geraghty & Miller

CERCLA Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act

EPA U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

GCVS Gulf Coast Vacuum Services O&M Operation and maintenance

OSWER Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response

OU Operable unit

PRP Potentially responsible party

RA Remedial action

RAC Response Action Contract RAO Remedial action objective

ROD Record of decision Tetra Tech Tetra Tech EM Inc.

1.0 INTRODUCTION

Tetra Tech EM Inc. (Tetra Tech) received Work Assignment No. 112-FR-FE-065Y from U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 6 (EPA) under Response Action Contract (RAC) No. 68-W6-0037. Under this work assignment, Tetra Tech was directed to conduct a second five-year review of the remedial action (RA) implemented at the Gulf Coast Vacuum Services (GCVS) Superfund site in Abbeville, Louisiana.

Tetra Tech visited the site on January 27 and 28, 2003, to assess whether all components of the selected remedy are operating in accordance with criteria established in the 1992 Records of Decision (ROD) and 1995 ROD amendment. This report provides background information on the site, summarizes site visit activities, and presents Tetra Tech's findings. References cited are listed at the end of this text. Exhibit A contains photographs taken during the site visit, and Exhibit B contains the five-year review site visit checklist completed by Tetra Tech. In addition, Exhibit C contains surveys that document interviews that were conducted during the site inspection and throughout the five-year review process.

2.0 BACKGROUND

The GCVS site is located approximately 3 miles southwest of Abbeville, Vermilion Parish, Louisiana, on Parish Road P-7-31, also called Junuis Road. The site covers approximately 12.8 acres and is bounded to the north and west by pasture land and to the east and south by the D.L. Mud Superfund site (EPA 2000). Approximately 2,600 people live within 3 miles of the site, and approximately 10 residences are located less than 0.5 mile from the site boundary. The site is located in the low-lying flatland of the Atlantic Gulf Coastal Plain. LeBoeuf Canal, which runs along the eastern and southern boundary of the site, drains the southern portion of the site. The LeBoeuf Canal used to flow to the Vermilion River, which is located approximately 1.5 miles east of the site, but currently is bermed and does not drain to the river. The LeBoeuf Canal only contains water after a rainstorm. Local ditches that flow into the Coulee Galleque drain the northern portion of the site. The Coulee Galleque drain eventually flows into the Abbeville Canal and to the Vermilion River (EPA 1992b).

The GCVS site was put on the National Priorities List in March 1989. Following a remedial investigation and feasibility study, EPA signed two RODs for the site on September 30, 1992 (EPA 1992a, 1992b) and a ROD amendment on May 2, 1995 (EPA 1995). The remedial action objectives (RAO), selected

remedy, and implementation status for each operable unit (OU) are discussed in the following paragraphs. OU-2 is discussed before OU-1 because OU-2 is an interim action that took place before OU-1.

OU-2, Interim Source Control Action

The RAOs for OU-2 are as follows:

- Prevent oral and dermal, human and environmental exposure to accumulated pit rainwater
- Prevent contamination of adjacent soils due to overflow of the Washout and West Pits
- Prevent migration of contaminated rainwater to the ground water

The selected remedy for OU-2 includes (1) pumping and on-site treatment and discharge of the accumulated contaminated rainwater in the Washout Pit and West Pit, (2) excavating the sludge and soil from the Washout Pit and consolidating the material into the West Pit, (3) placing an impermeable synthetic membrane over the consolidated material in the West Pit, and (4) backfilling the Washout Pit with clean soil (EPA 1992b).

The RA activities began in March 1993 and concluded in January 1994 after placement of a 60-mil high-density polyethylene liner over the consolidated material in the West Pit and backfilling of the Washout Pit. No operation and maintenance (O&M) is associated with the OU-2 RA (EPA 2000).

OU-1, Final Source Action

The RAOs for OU-1, the final source action, are as follows (EPA 1992a):

- Minimize potential exposure by way of ingestion, inhalation, or direct contact with contaminants found in the contaminated pit sludge and associated soil, tank contents, buried pits, and site soil and sediment.
- Reduce the potential for the soil and sludge to act as a continued source of ground water contamination
- Prevent human exposure to contaminated ground water

The selected remedy according to the OU-1 ROD consists of the following (EPA 1992a):

- On-site incineration followed by on-site stabilization of (if necessary), disposal of, and construction of a clay cover over the ash of the organic and inorganic-contaminated pit sludge and associated soil and tank contents
- On-site stabilization of, disposal of, and construction of a clay cover over inorganiccontaminated site soil and sediment
- Institutional controls and long-term ground water monitoring

On May 5, 1995, the ROD for OU-1 was amended to include (1) on-site biological treatment of organic-contaminated pit sludge (surface and buried) and associated soil and tank contents, (2) stabilization and on-site disposal of the successfully treated residuals from the biotreatment as required to meet performance standards for inorganic compounds, (3) on-site stabilization and disposal of the site soils contaminated with metals, (4) capping with a 2-foot compacted clay cover, and (5) institutional controls, such as deed notices and long-term monitoring of ground water. The ROD amendment also included contingency incineration of biological treatment residuals that did not meet treatment standards, but incineration was not needed (EPA 1995).

Construction began on June 2, 1997, and was completed in 1999 after the site was graded to promote drainage and a 6-foot chain-link fence was installed around the entire perimeter of the site for access control. EPA approved a final closeout report for the GCVS site on March 2000 (EPA 2000).

O&M activities at the site include deed restrictions, ground water monitoring, and inspections and repair of the cap. The potentially responsible party (PRP) group entered a "Right of Use Agreement and Declaration of Restrictions" with the Vermilion Parish Police Jury on September 23, 1999, for the GCVS site. The PRP group initiated post-RA ground water monitoring in April 1997, before RA activities were complete. Quarterly monitoring was conducted from 1997 through 2001. Semiannual monitoring was conducted in 2002 and is currently being conducted in 2003. The frequency of monitoring will decrease to annually in 2004 if a statistical analysis shows that concentrations are decreasing after RA activities. Inspections of the cap have taken place annually and are documented in the routine ground water monitoring reports (ARCADIS Geraghty & Miller [ARCADIS] 2002).

Because concentrations of hazardous substances above health-based levels remain at the site, EPA must conduct a statutory review pursuant to Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) Section 121(c) and as provided in the Office of Solid Waste and Emergency

Response (OSWER) Directive 9355.7-02, "Structure and Components of Five-Year Reviews" (May 23, 1991); OSWER Directive 9355.7-02A, "Supplemental Five-Year Review Guidance" (July 26, 1994); "Second Supplemental Five Year Review Guidance" (December 21, 1996); and OSWER Directive 9355.7-03B-P, "Comprehensive Five-Year Review Guidance" (June 2001). The site visit was conducted as part of the five-year review process.

3.0 SITE VISIT ACTIVITIES

A site visit was conducted on January 27 and 28, 2003, to assess the condition of the site and the protective measures employed to protect human health and the environment from the contaminants still present at the site.

The following key individuals identified by EPA participated in the site visit:

- Katrina Coltrain, EPA;
- Sarah Babcock, Tetra Tech;
- Luis Vega, Tetra Tech;
- Ronny Matte, Tetra Tech;
- Byron Trahan, Tetra Tech;
- Kipper Montgomery, ARCADIS;
- George Cook, ARCADIS; and
- Roger Lee, U.S. Geological Survey.

The site visit included evaluation of the condition of monitoring wells, the protective cap, postings, and site fencing. Photographs taken during the site visit are presented in Exhibit A, and the completed five-year review site visit checklist is presented in Exhibit B. The site visit is summarized below.

The weather during the site visit was sunny and cool. Evidence of recent precipitation such as ponding was observed.

Most of the monitoring wells visually inspected appeared to be in good condition and were clearly labeled. The well cover on well G-15 was broken, and well G-24 was observed but has not been sampled

since 1994. The vegetation on site, including that on the protective cap, appeared to be similar in type, health, and density to vegetation in areas in the vicinity of the site. Fire ant hills were observed in numerous locations on the cap. Ponded areas were observed at the base of the side-slopes on the south side of the West Pit cap and the east side of the Washout Pit cap. Access restrictions including fencing and signs were in good condition and no vandalism was observed. Several potholes were observed on the primary site road that is used by area residents.

4.0 FINDINGS

No evidence of contamination was visible at the site. The vegetation at the site appeared to be similar to that in typical surrounding areas. No cracking or evidence of erosion was evident on the protective cap; however, the fire anthills could reduce the integrity of the cap because and the fire ants may burrow deep enough to penetrate the cap completely and create a direct conduit between the ground surface and the buried wastes. Therefore, fire anthills should be mitigated. In addition, ponded areas were observed at the base on the south side of the West Pit landfill and the east side of the Washout Pit landfill. Drainage should be provided to mitigate the ponding because ponding can cause erosion of the cap. Most of the monitoring wells inspected appeared to be in good condition, but the well cover on well G-15 was broken and required repair. In addition, well G-24 was observed but hasn't been monitored since 1994 and should be plugged and abandoned. Site access seemed to be sufficiently restricted because no vandalism was observed and fencing and signs were in good condition. The primary site road was in poor condition and potholes should be filled.

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EXHIBIT A

PHOTOGRAPHS

(13 Pages)

EXHIBIT B

SITE VISIT CHECKLIST

(11 Pages)

FIVE-YEAR REVIEW SITE VISIT CHECKLIST

I. SITE INFORMATION				
Site Name: Gulf Coast Vacuum Site	Date of Inspection: 1/27-1/28/03			
Location and Region: Abbeville, LA	EPA ID: LAD980750137			
Agency, office, or company leading the five-year review: EPA Region 6	Weather/temperature: Sunny and cool; high around 50 °F			
Remedy Includes: (Check all that apply)				
Attachments:	Site map attached (Figure 2 of report)			
II. INTERVIEWS (Chec	ek all that apply)			
1. O&M Site Manager George Cramer Name	•			
2. O&M Staff Kipper Montgomery Name Interviewed: by mail at office by phone Problems, suggestions: Report attached (Note: son January 30, 2003, but no resource)	survey form was e-mailed to Mr. Montgomery			
3. Local regulatory authorities and response agencies response office, police department, office of public hear recorder of deeds, or other city and county offices, etc. Agency Vermilion Parish Police Jury Contact Michael Bertrand Secretary and Name Title Problems, suggestions: Report attached Surve	alth or environmental health, zoning office,). Fill in all that apply. d Treasurer 1/28/03 (337)898-4300 Date Phone no.			
Agency LDEQ Contact Rich Johnson State Represe Name Title Problems, suggestions: Report attached Surve	<u>ntative</u> 1/27/03 (225)765-0487 Date Phone no.			

4.	4. Other interviews (optional): Report attached (in Exhibit C)				
One	One adjacent resident were interviewed during site visit.				
(Ac	lditional interviews were conducted over the pho	ne after the site inspect	ion and are includ	led in	
Exl	nibit C, along with survey forms for Mr. Bertrand	l, Mr. Johnson, and Adj	acent Resident N	o. 1)	
	III. ON-SITE DOCUMENTS & RECO	ORDS VERIFIED (Ch	neck all that apply	y)	
1.	O&M Documents	·			
	O&M manual (long term monitoring plan)	Readily available	Up to date	□ N/A	
	☐ As-built drawings	Readily available	Up to date	N/A	
	Maintenance logs	_ •			
	(semi-annual well inspection sheets)	Readily available	Up to date	N/A	
	Remarks: ARCADIS has inspection she	ets			
2.	Site-Specific Health and Safety Plan	Readily available	Up to date	N/A	
	Contingency plan/emergency response plan	Readily available	Up to date	N/A	
	Remarks: At Office				
3.	O&M and OSHA Training Records	Readily available	Up to date	□ N/A	
Rei	marks: Available at ARCADIS office				
4.	Permits and Service Agreements				
	Air discharge permit	Readily available	Up to date	N/A	
	Effluent discharge	Readily available	Up to date	N/A	
	☐ Waste disposal, POTW	Readily available	Up to date	N/A	
	Other permits	Readily available	Up to date	N/A	
Rei	marks: LDEQ discharge permits are required for	occasional discharge fr	om French drains	<u>s .</u>	
5.	Gas Generation Records	Readily available	Up to date	N/A	
6.	Settlement Monument Records	Readily available	Up to date	N/A	
7.	Ground Water Monitoring Records	Readily available	Up to date	N/A	
8.	Leachate Extraction Records	Readily available	Up to date	N/A	
9.	Discharge Compliance Records				
	Air	Readily available	Up to date	N/A	
	Water (effluent)	Readily available	Up to date	N/A	
Rei	narks: No continuous discharge; occasional disc	charge from French drai	ins.		
10.	Daily Access/Security Logs	Readily available	Up to date	N/A	
	marks:		r	<u> </u>	

	IV. O&M COSTS			
1.	O&M Organization State in-house Contractor for State PRP in-house Contractor for PRP Other			
2.	O&M Cost Records (O&M cost information not available during inspection) Readily available Up to date Funding mechanism/agreement in place Original O&M cost estimate Breakdown attached Total annual cost by year for review period, if available			
	Date Date Total Cost From to - Breakdown attached From to - Breakdown attached			
3.	Unanticipated or Unusually High O&M Costs During Review Period O&M cost information not available during inspection	_		
	V. ACCESS AND INSTITUTIONAL CONTROLS Applicable N/A			
A.	Tencing			
1.	Tencing damaged ☐ Location shown on site map ☐ Gates secured ☐ N/A Remarks: Damage at northwest corner and west side was recently fixed; no other fencing damage	<u>e_</u>		
В.	Other Access Restrictions			
1.	Remarks: Signs that read "no trespassing," "all visitors must register," "work safely," and "authorize personnel only" on the fence on west side of site (see photograph no. 10); several other black and white to-trespassing signs along fence, one no trespassing sign at the entrance of the capped area.			

C.	Institutional Controls					
1.	Implementation and enforcement					
Site	e conditions imply ICs not properly implemented Yes No N/A					
Site	e conditions imply ICs not being fully enforced					
Туј	Type of monitoring (e.g., self-reporting, drive by) Monitored during site inspections					
Fre	quency Same frequency as groundwater monitoring					
Res	sponsible party/agencyGCVS PRP Group Steering Committee					
Co	ntact Mark R. Hendrickson Chairman 9/23/99 (713) 219-5225					
	Name Title Date Phone no.					
Rej	porting is up-to-date Yes No N/A					
_	ports are verified by the lead agency Yes No N/A					
_	ecific requirements in deed or decision documents have been met Yes No N/A					
Vic	olations have been reported					
Oth	ner problems or suggestions: Report attached					
2.	Adequacy ☐ ICs are inadequate ☐ N/A					
	Remarks:					
D.	General					
1.	Vandalism/trespassing ☐ Location shown on site map ☐ No vandalism evident					
	Remarks:					
2.	Land use changes onsite N/A					
	Remarks:					
2	T					
3.	Land use changes offsite					
	Remarks.					
	VI. GENERAL SITE CONDITIONS					
Α.						
1.	Roads damaged					
	Remarks: Road that runs through the property is currently used by local residents that live east of the					
	site has potholes and wet/muddy areas. Residents complained about the road during interviews.					
	Photographs no. 21, 22, 23, and 25 show road conditions.					
В.	Other Site Conditions					
	Remarks:					

	VII. LANDFILL C	OVERS	\boxtimes App	olicable	□ N/A
A.	Landfill Surface				
1.	Settlement (Low spots) Areal extent		Depth		not evident
2.	Cracks Lengths Remarks:		-		t evident
3.	Erosion Areal extent Remarks:		Depth		evident
4.	Holes Areal extent Remarks:		Depth		vident
5.	Vegetative Cover Of Control of Co	e size and locations or	n a diagram) (i	None)	
6.	Alternative Cover (armor Remarks:		c.) N/A		
7.	Bulges Areal extent Remarks:	Location shown o	•	⊠ Bulges not e	
8.	Wet Areas/Water Damag Wet areas Ponding Seeps Soft subgrade Remarks: Wet areas are sh base of the side-slope. Por base of the side-slope.	Location s Location s Location s Location s Location s own in photograph no		map map map map map A map A the south side of the	
9.	Slope Instability Some State of Slope Remarks:	instability	-	site map	

В.	Benches (Horizontally constructed mordown the velocity of surface r			ide slope to interrupt the slope in order to slow o a lined channel.)
1.	Flows Bypass Bench Remarks:		•	□ N/A or okay
2.	Bench Breached Remarks:	Location shown	•	□ N/A or okay
3.		Location shown	•	□ N/A or okay
C.				hat descend down the steep side slope of the ff of the landfill cover without creating erosion
1.	Settlement Areal extent Remarks:		Depth	☐ No evidence of settlement
2.	Material Degradation Material type Remarks:		Areal ext	No evidence of degradation
3.	Erosion Areal extent Remarks:		Depth	No evidence of erosion
4.	Undercutting Areal extent Remarks:		Depth	☐ No evidence of undercutting
5.	Obstructions Type _ Areal extent Remarks:		Size	Location shown on site map
6.	Excessive Vegetative G No evidence of exces Location shown on si Remarks:	sive growth te map	Vegetation Vegetation	on in channels does not obstruct flow
D.	Cover Penetrations	Applicable	□ N/A	

1.	Gas Vents ☐ Active ☐ Passive ☐ Properly secured/locked ☐ Functioning ☐ Routinely sampled ☐ Good condition ☐ Evidence of leakage at penetration ☐ Needs O&M ☐ N/A Remarks:
2.	Gas Monitoring Probes ☐ Properly secured/locked ☐ Functioning ☐ Routinely sampled ☐ Good condition ☐ Evidence of leakage at penetration ☐ Needs O&M ☐ N/A Remarks:
3.	Monitoring Wells (within surface area of landfill) ☐ Evidence of leakage at penetration ☐ Needs O&M ☐ N/A Remarks:
4.	Leachate Extraction Wells ☐ Properly secured/locked ☐ Functioning ☐ Routinely sampled ☐ Good condition ☐ Evidence of leakage at penetration ☐ Needs O&M ☐ N/A Remarks: No extraction wells; but access pipe to French drain that collects leachate was in good condition (see Photo No. 7).
5.	Settlement Monuments
E.	Gas Collection and Treatment Applicable N/A
1.	Gas Treatment Facilities Flaring Good condition Needs O&M Remarks:
2.	Gas Collection Wells, Manifolds, and Piping Good condition Needs O&M Remarks:
3.	Gas Monitoring Facilities (e.g., gas monitoring of adjacent homes or buildings) Good condition Needs O&M N/A Remarks:
F.	Cover Drainage Layer Applicable N/A
1.	Outlet Pipes Inspected
2.	Outlet Rock Inspected
G.	Detention/Sedimentation Ponds ☐ Applicable ☐ N/A
	1. Siltation Areal extent Size Siltation not evident

	Remarks:	
	Erosion not evident	tent Depth
3.	Outlet Works Remarks:	☐ Functioning ☐ N/A
4.	Dam Remarks:	☐ Functioning ☐ N/A
H.	Retaining Walls	☐ Applicable ☐ N/A
1.	Deformations Horizontal displacement Rotational displacement Remarks:	
2.	Degradation Remarks:	Location shown on site map Degradation not evident
I.	Perimeter Ditches/Off-Site D	Discharge Applicable N/A
1.	Siltation Areal extent Remarks:	☐ Location shown on site map ☐ Siltation not evident Depth
2.	Vegetative Growth ☐ Vegetation does not imped Areal extent Remarks: On-site vegetation	
3.	Vegetation does not imped Areal extent Remarks: On-site vegetati Erosion Areal extent	Type ve growth consists of grass as shown in photograph no. 2. Location shown on site map Erosion not evident
	Vegetation does not imped Areal extent Remarks: On-site vegetati	Type
3.	Vegetation does not imped Areal extent	Type

	Remarks:
2.	Performance Monitoring Type of monitoring Evidence of breaching Head differential Remarks:
	IX. GROUND WATER/SURFACE WATER REMEDIES Applicable N/A
A.	Ground Water Extraction Wells, Pumps, and Pipelines Applicable N/A
1.	Pumps, Wellhead Plumbing, and Electrical ☐ Good condition ☐ All required wells located ☐ Needs O&M ☑ N/A Remarks: ☐ Needs O&M ☑ N/A
2.	Extraction System Pipelines, Valves, Valve Boxes, and Other Appurtenances Good condition Needs O&M Remarks: Access pipes to French drains that collect leachate above the liner and groundwater below the liner were in good condition (See Photo No. 7).
3.	Spare Parts and Equipment ☐ Readily available ☐ Good condition ☐ Requires upgrade ☐ Needs to be provided Remarks: NA
B.	Surface Water Collection Structures, Pumps, and Pipelines
1.	Collection Structures, Pumps, and Electrical Good condition Needs O&M Remarks:
2.	Surface Water Collection System Pipelines, Valves, Valve Boxes, and Other Appurtenances Good condition Needs O&M Remarks:
3.	Spare Parts and Equipment ☐ Readily available ☐ Good condition ☐ Requires upgrade ☐ Needs to be provided Remarks:

C.	Treatment System Applicable	⊠ N/A	
1.	Treatment Train (Check components that apply) Metals removal Oil/water separation Air stripping Carbon absorbers Filters fabric Additive (e.g., chelation agent, flocculent) Others Good condition Needs O&M Sampling ports properly marked and functional Sampling/maintenance log displayed and up to dat Equipment properly identified Quantity of ground water treated annually Quantity of surface water treated annually Remarks:	te	
2.	Electrical Enclosures and Panels (Properly rated and N/A Good condition Remarks:	☐ Needs O&M	
3.	Tanks, Vaults, Storage Vessels N/A Good condition Proper sectors Remarks:	condary containment	☐ Needs O&M
4.	Discharge Structure and Appurtenances N/A Good condition Remarks:	☐ Needs O&M	
5.	Treatment Building(s) N/A Good condition (esp. roo Chemicals and equipment properly stored Remarks:	• ,	☐ Needs repair
6.	Monitoring Wells (Pump and treatment remedy) Properly secured/locked Functioning All required wells located Remarks:	Routinely sampled SO&M	Good condition N/A
D.	Monitored Natural Attenuation Applicable	□ N/A	
	All required wells located Needs Minor corrosion on protective cover	rs of several wells; broke	Good condition N/A en cover on well G-15;
and	l well G-24 is no longer sampled but has not been aband	Joned	

\mathbf{V}	OTHER	PFM	FDIFC
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If there are remedies applied at the site that are not covered above, attach an inspection sheet describing the physical nature and condition of any facility associated with the remedy. An example would be soil vapor extraction.

XI. OVERALL OBSERVATIONS

Α.	Imp	lemen	tation	of	the	Remed	ly
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Describe issues and observations relating to whether the remedy is effective and functioning as designed. Begin with a brief statement of what the remedy is to accomplish (i.e., to contain contaminant plume, minimize infiltration and gas emission, etc.).

The goal of the remedy is to contain treated soil in two pits and monitor groundwater to determine if groundwater contaminants are naturally attenuating. Caps were in good condition, except for minor ponding at the base of side-slopes on the south side of the West Pit cap and the east side of the Washout Pit cap. Wells were in good condition, except for a broken well cover on well G-15. In addition well G-24 was observed but has not been sampled since 1994. Site roads, which are used by area residents, had several potholes.

B. Adequacy of O&	в.	Aaeq	uacy	OI	U	XIV	1
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C. Early Indicators of Potential Remedy Failure

Minor ponding at the base of side slopes on the south side of the West Pit cap and the east side of the Washout Pit cap may lead to erosion and deterioration of the cap.

D. Opportunities for Optimization

Describe possible opportunities for optimization in monitoring tasks or the operation of the remedy.

Mitigation of anthills and ponded areas, repair of well G-15; abandonment

of well G-24, and road maintenance

EXHIBIT C

SURVEYS

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TABLE C-1

INTERVIEW DOCUMENTATION

Name	Title/Position	Organization	Date of Interview
Michael J. Bertrand	Secretary/Treasurer	Vermilion Parish Police Jury	January 21, 2003
Mark R. Hendrickson	GCVS Steering Committee Chairman	Chevron Texaco	January 21, 2003
Rich Johnson	State Representative	LDEQ	January 27, 2003
Wilma Subra	TAG Representative	Subra Company	May 15, 2003
Adjacent Resident No. 1	Not applicable	Not applicable	February 3, 2003
Adjacent Resident No. 2	Not applicable	Not applicable	February 10, 2003
Adjacent Resident No. 3	Not applicable	Not applicable	January 21, 2003

Notes:

LDEQ Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality

GCVS Gulf Coast Vacuum Services TAG Technical assistance grant

\$	SUPERFUND SITE SUI	RVEY - FOI	RM B	
Site Name: Gulf Coast Vacuum Services		EPA Work Assignment No.: 112-FRFE-065Y		.: 112-FRFE-065Y
Subject: 5-Year Review Local Authority Survey		Date: Jan	uary 21, 2003	
	Contact Mad	le By:		
Name: Katrina Coltrain	Title: Remedial Project	Manager	Organization:	EPA
Telephone No.: (214) 665-8143 E-Mail: coltrain.katrina@epa.gov	Street Address: 1455 Ross Avenue, Suite 1200 City, State, Zip: Dallas, Texas 75202			
Name: Sarah Babcock Title: Project Manager		er	Organization	: Tetra Tech EM Inc.
Telephone No.: (303) 382-8782 E-Mail:sarah.babcock@ttemi.com				
	Individual Contacted:			
Name: Mr. Michael J. Bertrand	Title: Secretary / Treas	urer	Organization:	Vermillion Parish Police Jury
Telephone No.: (337) 898-4300 E-Mail: vermilionppj@yahoo.com				
Survey Questions				

Should you choose to respond, please return your survey in the enclosed envelope to Sarah Babcock by February 28, 2003.

1. What is your impression of the project (general sentiment)?

The project has been satisfactorily completed.

2. Has your office conducted routine communications or activities (site visits, inspections, reporting activities, etc.) regarding the site? If so, please provide the purpose and results.

Not at present.

Note: The policy jury is considering utilizing the Gulf Coast site as an area barn for road maintenance equipment and supplies.

3. Have there been any complaints, violations, or other incidents related to the site requiring a response by your office? If so, please provide details of the events and the results of the responses.

The use of road through site by adjoining landowners. Request for grading and dressing of road with material.

	SUPERFUND SITE SURVEY - FORM B (Continued)				
Site Na	ame: Gulf Coast Vacuum Services		Vork Assignment No.: 112-FRFE-065Y		
	et: 5-Year Review Local Authority Survey		January 21, 2003		
	Survey Question	ns (Cont.	.)		
4.	Do you feel well informed about the site's activities a	and progr	ress?		
	No contact with this office since closeout ceremony. monitoring reports, etc.	No infor	rmation has been provided relative to		
5.	Have there been any changes in State laws and regular ground water or soil remedies? None to my knowledge. However, a state water policy matter (water policy).				
6.	Has the site been in compliance with permitting and runknown.	reporting	requirements?		
7.	Do you have any comments, suggestions, or recommon operation? Information should be provided regarding monitoring Vermilion Parish Police Jury (local governing body)	g frequen	cy and reporting of test results to the		

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Site Name: Gulf Coast Vacuum Ser	vices Site	EPA Work Assignment No.: 112-FRFE-065Y	
Subject: 5-Year Review Operation and Maintenance Survey		Date: January 21, 2003	
	Contact Mad	e By:	
Name: Katrina Coltrain	Title: Remedial Project Manager		Organization: EPA
Telephone No.: (214) 665-8143 E-Mail: coltrain.katrina@epa.gov	Street Address: 1455 Ross Avenue, Suite 1200 City, State, Zip: Dallas, Texas 75202		
Name: Sarah Babcock	Title: Project Manage	r	Organization: Tetra Tech EM Inc.
Telephone No.: (303) 382-8782 E-Mail:sarah.babcock@ttemi.com	Street Address: 1099 18 th Street, Suite 1900 City, State, Zip: Denver, Colorado 80202		
	Individual Con	tacted:	
Name: Mark R. Hendrickson	Title: GCVS Steering Committee Chairman		Organization: Chevron Texaco
Telephone No.: 713-219-5225 E-Mail Address: Mhendrickson @ Chevrontexaco.com	Street Address: 5959 Corporate Drive, Room 3641 City, State, Zip: Houston, TX 77036		
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Survey Questions

Should you choose to respond, please return your survey in postal service to Luis Vega by February 14, 2003.

1. What is your impression of the project (general sentiment)?

The remedy has been successful and monitoring seems to indicate that there is no threat to people or the environment. The PRP relationship with the EPA and LDEQ has been good. The PRPs are anticipating a reduction of sampling frequency and associated costs as allowed in the Long Term Groundwater Monitoring Plan based on the groundwater monitoring history.

2. Please describe the on-site operation and maintenance (O&M) presence, including staff, frequency of site inspections, and O&M activities.

Groundwater is currently being monitored and sampled semiannually by the PRPs and the EPA and the PRPs conduct an annual site inspection of the site. These are required in the Long Term Groundwater Monitoring Plan. Additionally, the PRPs arrange for mowing during the year as needed. Wells and fencing are maintained in good working order.

Site Name: Gulf Coast Vacuum Services Site EPA Work Assignment No.: 112-FRFE-065Y				
	ect: 5-Year Review Operation and Maintenance Survey	Date:	January 21, 2003	
	Survey Questions (Continu	ed)	
3.	Please describe any significant changes in the O&M reproduction of the last 5 years. Do they a remedy?			
	Groundwater sampling frequency has been reduced from Long Term Groundwater Monitoring Plan. The PRPs the protectiveness/effectiveness of the remedy.			
4.	Have there been unexpected O&M difficulties or costs	s at the si	ite since start-up or in th	e last 5 years? If so
	please provide details.			
	There have been no significant unexpected O&M diffi	iculties o	or costs during the past 5	years.

Site Nar	ne: Gulf Coast Vacuum Services Site	EPA V	Vork Assignment No.:	112-FRFE-065Y
Subject	5-Year Review Operation and Maintenance Survey	Date:	January 21, 2003	
	Survey Question	s (Cont.))	
5. (Can you provide insight to potential O&M problems?			
	No potential O&M problems are anticipated by the PF the site is inspected at a regular frequency, and repairs			
5.]	Do you have any comments, suggestions, or recomme	endations	regarding the project?	
1	The PRP anticipates reducing the groundwater monitoresults which indicate only minimal concentrations of to people or the environment.			

	SUPERFUND SITE SUI	RVEY - FORN	м в
Site Name: Gulf Coast Vacuum Se	rvices Site	EPA Work	Assignment No.: 112-FRFE-065Y
Subject: 5-Year Review Local Authority Survey		Date: January 27, 2003	
	Contact Mad	le By:	
Name: Katrina Coltrain	Title: Remedial Project	ct Manager	Organization: EPA
Telephone No.: (214) 665-8143 E-Mail: coltrain.katrina@epa.gov	Street Address: 1455 City, State, Zip: Dall	·	
Name: Sarah Babcock	Title: Project Manage	r	Organization: Tetra Tech EM Inc.
Telephone No.: (303) 382-8782 E-Mail: sarah.babcock@ttemi.com	Street Address: 1099 City, State, Zip: Denv		
	Individual Con	ntacted:	
Name: Rich Johnson	Title: State Represent	ative	Organization: LDEQ
Telephone No.: 225-765-0487 E-Mail: rich_j@deq.state.la.us	Street Address: P.O. City, State, Zip: Bate		70884-2282
	Survey Ques	stions	
		cock by Febru	•
2. Has your office conducted a activities, etc.) regarding the We have been on the site du	e site? If so, please provid	le the purpose	
3. Have there been any complyour office? If so, please p None.			ed to the site requiring a response by tts of the responses.

	SUPERFUND SITE SURVEY	- FORM B (Continued)
Site Na	ame: Gulf Coast Vacuum Services	EPA Work Assignment No.: 112-FRFE-065Y
Subjec	et: 5-Year Review Local Authority Survey	Date: January 27, 2003
	Survey Question	ns (Cont.)
4.	Do you feel well informed about the site's activities a	nd progress?
	Yes.	
	105.	
5.	Have there been any changes in State laws and regula ground water or soil remedies?	tions that may impact the protectiveness of the
	No.	
6.	Has the site been in compliance with permitting and re	eporting requirements?
	Yes	
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7.	Do you have any comments, suggestions, or recomme operation?	endations regarding the site's management or
	No, the EPA has done an excellent job keeping LDEQ planned actions for our information and concurrence.	

SU	JPERFUND SITE SUR	VEY - FOR	M A	
Site Name: Gulf Coast Vacuum Ser	vices	EPA Work Assignment No.: 112-FRFE-065Y		
Subject: 5-Year Review Background Information Survey		Date: Ma	ny 15, 2003	
Contact Made By:				
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	Individual Con	tacted:		
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	Survey Quest	ions		

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Should you choose to respond, please return your survey in the enclosed envelope to Sarah Babcock by February 14, 2003.

1. What is your impression of the project (general sentiment)?

Concern with the following:

- Oil in groundwater that they found in French Drain which left contamination on site
- In general, contamination left onsite was biggest concern.
- 2. What effect have site operations had on the surrounding community

Not much detrimental, some dust. Citizens informed throughout process. Not much increase in traffic.

3. Are you aware of any community concerns regarding the site or its operation and administration? If so, please provide details.

Not at this time. There is some concern that when police jury bought the site at Sheriff sale, they accepted liability.

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Site Name: Gulf Coast Vacuum Services		EPA Work Assignment No.: 112-FRFE-065Y	
Subject: 5-Year Review Background Information Survey Date: May 15, 2003			
	Survey Question	ns (Cont.)	
4.	Are you aware of any events, incidents, or activities emergency responses from local authorities? If so, p		
	No. Neighbors would know better.		
5.	Do you feel well informed about the site's activities	and progress?	
	Yes, throughout cleanup, but not at this time.		
6.	Do you have any comments, suggestions, or recomn operation?	nendations regarding the site's management or	
	None, except French Drain issue.		

	SUPERFUND SITE SURVEY - FORM A					
Site Na	Site Name: Gulf Coast Vacuum Services EPA Work Assignment No.: 112-FRFE-065					
Subjec	Subject: 5-Year Review Background Information Survey Date: February 3, 2003					
		Contact Made	e By:			
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		Individual Con	tacted:			
Name:	Adjacent Resident No. 1	Title: Not applicable		Organization: Not applicable		
		Survey Quest	ions			
the enclosed envelope to Sarah Babcock by February 14, 2003. 1. What is your impression of the project (general sentiment)? No response.						
2.	2. What effect have site operations had on the surrounding community			ty		
	The in and out of traffic on the horrible road, especially after a rain. The whole crew is famous for this. Every time it rains, the crew shows up and makes road messier.					
3.	 Are you aware of any community concerns regarding the site or its operation and administration? If so, please provide details. Same as above, the problem with the road and pot holes 			es operation and administration? If so,		

EPA Work Assignment No.: 112-FRFE-065Y Survey Date: February 3, 2003 Questions (Cont.) activities at the site such as vandalism, trespassing, or? If so, please provide details.
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activities and progress?
we have had any questions, we have stopped and everyone r directed us to answers.
r recommendations regarding the site's management or
recommendations regarding the site's management of
east filling in the potholes. Especially since workers travel for over a year and workers are here quite often using the
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Subjec		ices	EPA Work Assignment No.: 112-FRFE-065Y		: 112-FRFE-065Y
	t: 5-Year Review Background	Information Survey	Date: February 10, 2003		
		Contact Made	e By:		
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Telephone No.: (303) 382-8782 Street Address: 1099 18 th Street, Suite 1900 City, State, Zip: Denver, Colorado 80202					
		Individual Con	tacted:		
Name:	Adjacent Resident No. 2	Title: Not applicable		Organization: N	Not applicable
		Survey Quest	tions		
	Should you choose to respond, please return your survey in the enclosed envelope to Sarah Babcock by February 14, 2003.				
1.	What is your impression of the	e project (general sentim	nent)?		
	Everything seems acceptable. Had water quality checked when bought property and mercury was slighigh, but doesn't know if site has anything to do with it. As long as they are well marked, monitoring wells are fine.			•	
2.	. What effect have site operations had on the surrounding community				
	Never heard of anything unacceptable.				
3.	Are you aware of any community concerns regarding the site or its operation and administration? If so, please provide details.				
	Never heard of anything unacc	ceptable.			

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SUPERFUND SITE SURVEY - FORM A (continued)				
Site Name: Gulf Coast Vacuum Services		EPA Work Assignment No.: 112-FRFE-065Y		
Subject: 5-Year Review Background Information Survey		Date: January 27, 2003		
	Survey Questions	s (Cont.)		
4.	Are you aware of any events, incidents, or activities a emergency responses from local authorities? If so, plants			
	No.			
5.	Do you feel well informed about the site's activities a	and progress?		
	No, has not received any information and does not fe	el well informed.		
6.	Do you have any comments, suggestions, or recommoperation?	endations regarding the site's management or		
	No.			

	SUPERFUND SITE SUR	RVEY - FORM	M A		
Site Name: Gulf Coast Vacuum Services EPA Work Assignment No.: 112-FRF					
Subject: 5-Year Review Background Information Survey Date: January 21, 2003			uary 21, 2003		
Contact Made By:					
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Telephone No.: (303) 382-8782 Street Address: 1099 18 th Street, Suite 1900 City, State, Zip: Denver, Colorado 80202					
	Individual Con	tacted:			
Name: Adjacent Resident No. 3	Title: Not applicable		Organization: Not applicable		
	Survey Ques	tions			
the enclosed envelope to Sarah Babcock by February 14, 2003. 1. What is your impression of the project (general sentiment)? Doesn't bother him one way or the other.					
What effect have site operations had on the surrounding community Will the fence stay up permanently? Police jury may have Gulf Coast property deeded. Gravel Road is D.L. Mud/Gulf Coast owned and maintenance is up to PRPs.					
 Are you aware of any complease provide details. 			operation and administration? If so,		

	SUPERFUND SITE SURVEY	- FORM A (continued)	
Site Name: Gulf Coast Vacuum Services Subject: 5-Year Review Background Information Survey		EPA Work Assignment No.: 112-FRFE-065Y	
		Date: January 21, 2003	
_	Survey Question	is (Cont.)	
	Are you aware of any events, incidents, or activities a emergency responses from local authorities? If so, p		
	No hunters, trespassers, vandalism.		
5.	Do you feel well informed about the site's activities	and progress?	
	Yes.		
	Do you have any comments, suggestions, or recommoperation?	endations regarding the site's management or	
	Shallow well does not drink it.		